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Editor Manson at the recent Alter Eagles concert at the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation's Cultural Arts Village in Destin. According to MKAF CEO Marcia Hull, this was the biggest crowd for any show to date—approximately 2,000 our of control music fans. Concerts in the Village continue all summer long, Thursday nights at 7.

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Chris Leavenworth ("Bigger Questions About Basic Income") has lived in Northwest Florida his whole life. In addition to his work with Destin Harvest and time spent with his family and his dog, Chris enjoys good conversations, reading books, and writing and playing music. We hope to see him at Open Mic Night soon.

Jane Morgan (Record Roundup, Stream On) lives in Brooklyn, New York, but grew up in Destin. She graduated from New York University, where she studied music branding and criticism.

Bruce Salmon (Record Roundup) is working on his third solo recording in New Orleans and Destin, where he's based these days—writing, playing the occasional show, and keeping his momma company. Bruce's mother is the same age as Willie Nelson, and she's still playing organ at Fort Walton Methodist Church.

Kimberly White (Latin Salsa Festival) has been an editor and reporter for the last 20 years. She writes about anything that strikes her fancy. She is also a content writer and avid lover of all things German shepherd.

Samantha Lambert (Fort Walton Beach Founders Day) has been back in Florida almost a year now, and she loves it. "The weather is beautiful, and I love catching up with old friends again," she says. "And I have really enjoyed writing stories for *Beachcomber!*"

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- Editor Manson

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Point Washington Medical Clinic Provides FREE Healthcare in SoWal

Point Washington Medical Clinic has opened its doors to the community. The clinic is a ministry of Point Washington United Methodist Church (PWUMC), a 501(c)(3), and is located in the Stephens Center behind the sanctuary at PWUMC.

While the clinic does accept donations, which are tax deductible, there is no charge for treatment and insurance is not required.

Dr. Patsy Vargo and **Hillary Glenn,** DNP, ARNP, the visionaries behind the clinic, are the physicians on duty. The clinic is also served by several volunteer nurses. In addition to the full volunteer medical staff, the clinic has several assisting in translation, check-in and health education.

Dr. Vargo made the mission clear. "We strive to deliver quality medical care in a safe, non-traditional setting. All patients are accepted. All ages are accepted. No documents, no pay statements, no insurance, no problem."

"It's such a great privilege to be able to provide this service to our community," adds Glenn. "I believe it adds so much value to an already unique and welcoming area such as Point Washington. We hope to see, serve and connect with our surrounding neighbors through this new outreach."

The clinic will treat simple, straightforward, non-emergent ailments such as hypertension, diabetes, simple lacerations (tetanus can be given when indicated), simple infections of the ears, sinuses, and lungs, and seasonal allergies. The clinic will also offer required and preventative services such as school and sport physicals.

Point Washington Medical Clinic staffers and volunteers celebrate the clinic's opening.

Efforts have been made to procure medications that are reasonably priced. Emergency life-threatening ailments will be referred to the appropriate emergency room. Narcotics and controlled substances will not be dispensed.

The clinic is located at 1290 N. CR-395 in Point Washington. It is currently open on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Patients are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. All efforts will be made to continue exams until all patients have been seen.

- Jill Tanner

Congrats, Pirate Paraders

The winners of the 62nd Annual Billy Bowlegs Torchlight Parade, held June 5 in Fort Walton Beach, are as follows.

Vehicles—first place, Community Broadcasters; second place, CenturyLink; third place, Cumulus Media; fourth place, the Rescued Rescuers.

Walkers/Marchers—first place, Northwest Florida Track Club; second place, Emerald Coast Martial Arts; third place, Drake School of Irish Dance, Fort Walton Beach; fourth place, Panhandle United Roller Derby.

Floats—first place, ResortQuest by Wyndham Vacation Rentals; second place, Krewe of Karibbean; third place, AJ's Krewe of Legends; fourth place, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Krewes—first place, Krewe of Bowlegs; second place, Krewe of Dominique Youx/The Marie Leveaux; third place, Mayoki Indians; fourth place, Springtime Tallahassee/Andrew Jackson Staff.

Trophies will be presented at the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce's First Friday Coffee, **July 7,** at 7 a.m. at the Christian Life Center of First Baptist Church in Fort Walton Beach.

For additional information, call 850-244-8191.

- Eppi Azzaretto

Sacred Heart Golf Classic Supports ER Expansion

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast announced recently that the 16th Annual Sacred Heart Charity Golf Classic raised $236,928 for Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast's Emergency Department expansion.

The golf tournament, held May 8 at Emerald Bay Golf and Beach Club, drew 100 participating golfers, plus 25 area club professionals.

The Sacred Heart Charity Golf Classic has become the signature fundraising event for Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast. Its success is a direct result of the time, talent and resources of many leaders in our community. Since its inception in 2002, the annual golf classic has risen more than $3 million for Sacred Heart Hospital, ensuring access to high-quality, compassionate healthcare close to home.

"Once again the Sacred Heart Charity Golf Classic event was a great success," said **Roger Hall,** president of Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast. "We owe it all to our dedicated volunteers, partners and leaders in our community who give their time, talent and energy to create a day of celebration and friendly competition, while working towards the goal of improving healthcare for our community and patients.

"Through their unwavering generosity and support, we are able to live our mission while providing high quality, compassionate healthcare to those in need."

Funds raised benefit Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast's Emergency Department expansion. The expansion added 13 rooms including four exam rooms and eight critical decision unit rooms for patients needing observation that do not qualify for admission. The expanded space opened partially in April 2017.

The Charity Classic demonstrates a true team effort among strategic partners, such as Master Sponsors Howard Group, Howard Hospitality, Grand Boulevard Town Center, and Silver Sands Premium Outlets. A special thanks to other presenting sponsors Emerald Bay Golf and Beach Club, Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort and Spa, Wind Creek, St. Joe Foundation, Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, and Proffitt PR.

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- Jessica Proffitt

Florida's Water Seems Free for the Taking

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

Here's a government agency that sucks.

Literally.

Recently, the Southwest Florida Water Management District voted to cut the flow of the famed freshwater springs that feed Crystal River and Kings Bay by up to 11 percent. Billions and billions more gallons will be diverted to benefit developers.

That's major suckage from the springs, and plenty of people showed up at the SWFWMD meeting to speak against it. Still, board members voted 9-1 to rob the flow.

This sort of sellout has been happening at water districts throughout Florida since Gov. Rick Scott packed the boards with pro-development and pro-Big Agriculture surrogates.

It's the same reason that the South Florida Water Management District, which oversees water policy in the southeastern part of the state, is now basically a public-relations arm of the sugar industry.

Over on the west coast, the SWFWMD (sometimes known as Swiftmud) insists its computer models show that the Crystal River and 70 springs of Kings Bay won't be damaged by more groundwater pumping.

The agency says its findings were submitted for scientific peer review and found to be "thorough, scientifically reasonable and based on the best available data."

Lots of folks who live there don't believe it. They've seen the clear springs change in alarming ways as the flow has been choked to provide more water for development.

Craig Pittman of the *Tampa Bay Times* reports that residents of Crystal River and Kings Bay are encountering algae blooms, pollution, and even the appearance of saltwater fish and barnacles, never a good sign in a freshwater river.

While the iconic manatees still gather by the hundreds there, attracting tourists from all over the world, the water quality is declining. The Florida Springs Institute says Swiftmud's computer models overlooked the obvious long-term damage from a worsening trend:

Groundpumping in that area has increased from 401 millions gallons a day in the 1960s to about 965 million gallons a day in the current decade.

Siphoning Florida's public springs to enrich private industry doesn't bother policy makers in Tallahassee. Bottled water companies, for example, are encouraged to help themselves to our aquifers.

The Nestle Corporation, which markets Zephyrhills and other popular brands, spent a measly $230 for a permit to suck almost 1.5 million gallons daily from the Blue Spring in Madison County.

Worried about the threat of dangerous droughts, the staff of the local water management district argued for a reduction in the amount of water Nestle would be allowed to take. State officials sided with Nestle and even offered tax breaks for its bottling plant, which opened in 2004.

The company has said it deserves to get all that precious spring water for free, because it's a good neighbor and job provider.

Ironically, while Nestle is allowed to continue this massively lucrative suckfest, Florida officials are pursuing a costly lawsuit against the state of Georgia, alleging that it diverts too much water from the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee and Flint rivers.

The result has been serious downstream damage to Apalachicola Bay, impacting oyster and seafood production.

Because, duh, that's what often happens when you screw around with a natural water supply, whether it's a river or an underground spring.

The Crystal River controversy arose because a 2016 law requires water districts to set "minimum flows" for all Florida springs. As you would expect from Scott appointees, the levels being set allow generous water diversions to accommodate future development.

The Florida Defenders of the Environment and other groups are suing the St. Johns River Water Management District challenging the low flow levels approved for Silver Springs, another treasure and landmark tourist destination.

The lax new Crystal River rule could end up in court, too, and it should. Any data presented as "science" by politicized water boards deserves intense scrutiny, because the stakes are so high.

We think of Florida's fresh springs as eternal, but in truth they can be polluted, salt-infused and sapped to a relative trickle by exploitative pumping. While the consequences might not be as visually distressing as dead oyster beds in Apalachicola Bay, it's the same moral crime, born of the same greed.

So the governor is suing Georgia for doing the same thing to Florida rivers that he's doing to Florida springs. Can you bottle hypocrisy?

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No Pass for "Thoughtful" Conservatives

By Leonard Pitts Jr., Tribune Content Agency

Can we stop talking now about "thoughtful" conservatives?

That phrase and various variations have been used by certain Republicans over the years to distinguish them, with their principled belief in low taxes, less regulation and other elements of conservative orthodoxy, from those wild-eyed types who believe in gay bans, Muslim bans and Kenyan birth, and who tend to behave with a sense of contemplative restraint typically associated with pigs at feeding time.

To accuse conservatives of such extremism has often meant being chided by rank and file Republicans that those flame throwers and zealots weren't really conservatives. "Thoughtful" conservatives, they'd tell you, were far more sober and realistic than that.

They never seemed to understand the obvious. Namely, that the very need of "thoughtful" conservatives, to use that modifier, is a tacit concession that something has gone wrong with conservatism.

Worse, for all the disdain with which they regarded them, "thoughtful" conservatives were never above trying to co-opt the energy the rowdies brought to the table. There was no conspiracy theory too bizarre, no rhetoric too hateful, no tax pledge too restrictive, no Alaskan governor too loony, no reality show host too coarse, mendacious or incompetent, that they could not make common cause in pursuit of power.

Which offers an interesting context to news that House Speaker Paul Ryan was pointedly snubbed last week by

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Bigger Questions About Basic Income

By Chris Leavenworth

Want to immediately convince all your conservative friends that you're an out-and-out Marxist that absolutely despises capitalism? Just bring up the subject of universal basic income (UBI).

Don't even mention your stance on it, just mention that almost every existing minimum wage job and many medium-income jobs will inevitably be automated in the next 10 to 20 years, if not sooner. Bank tellers, fast food, taxis, clerks, vehicle repair, mail delivery…you name it.

For those who aren't familiar, UBI is a form of social security in which all citizens of a country regularly receive a set amount of money, either from the government or other public institution, in addition to any income received elsewhere.

If, for some reason, you believe mundane and repetitive labor will not be replaced by computers—or you're not aware that it's already happening—for the sake of this article, let's assume it will and it is. Let's say only half the hourly-rate positions become obsolete in the next 20 years—that's at least 39 million evaporated jobs in just the United States. Factor in a growing population, and there will be a staggering amount of people out of work by 2030.

Despite the glaring redundancy of a person performing manual work that a computer could achieve much faster and more efficiently, many people will feel existentially at a loss knowing there's no longer a job for them. This is because most people derive a certain amount of social meaning from their work, despite the actual value of whatever it is they do.

At the very least, work gives people a routine, keeping us busy enough to not think too hard about life or reflect on depressing thoughts. There is also the feeling of reward, having earned a paycheck that cannot be replaced with basic income.

There's also a risk that many people simply won't be able to cope with when they have so much free time on their hands. They will feel powerless to their circumstances and become severely depressed without a carved-out role to fill. This could lead to substance abuse and crime.

On the other hand, for someone who'd embrace the freedom and can see life outside of a daily 9-to-5, a Universal Basic Income will present vast opportunities to study, write, invent, stay healthy and discover new interests. Just as there are people who derive purpose in manual labor, there are also many people who find a deeper, much richer meaning not being tied down to something purely to make ends meet.

Unfortunately, many people who feel this way have no choice—that is, if they want to have health insurance and bills paid for their family, they better get to work.

The late Stephen Jay Gould once said, "I am, somehow, less interested in the weight and convolutions of Einstein's brain than in the near certainty that people of equal talent have lived and died in cotton fields and sweat shops." There's no telling how many innovations and novel ideas have been squandered due to the insistence of manual labor.

There's also the question of whether basic income is even a feasible model. Many experts have said that although basic income will become a necessity in the future, it will only be supplemental. People will still have to find other ways to earn income, and not everyone will be savvy enough to make that happen.

The dilemma of jobs disappearing will only become more relevant as time goes forward.

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Creating a Livable Community

By Charles Morgan III

It's that time of year again in Destin. The beaches are packed. The checkout lines at grocery stores are long. The charter boats are running multiple trips a day to take advantage of the short red snapper season. Crab Island is not a weekend thing anymore—it's an everyday gathering of every floating machine ever invented. The west end of the harbor is not so much a festive atmosphere as it is an all-out, full-on carnival.

But unfortunately, that's not all. This is also the time of year that brings a steady dose of catastrophic death. Pedestrian and bicycle fatalities have become numbingly familiar. The new million-dollar crosswalkie things don't seem to be much of a solution. Our collective response to these deaths seems to be "Wow, another one?"

Not surprisingly, at the end of their vacation, our visitors would like to return home with the same number of people they brought to Destin.

Destin is fated to have, as our main thoroughfare, a four-lane highway (with curb cuts every 100 feet for fast food and t-shirt outlets) bisecting our town. The great majority of vehicles are passing through on their way to somewhere else. Every year brings more traffic—and requests to add more lanes. That idea is like a fat man continually loosening his belt as he gets fatter. It's not effective.

Who would have guessed that the two-lanes of Old Highway 98 or the two-lanes of 30A would have been one of the keys to robust growth and that our modern thoroughfare would have been an onerous handicap?

The common theme of every resurgent city in this country—even around the world—is the attempt to make communities pedestrian friendly. Cities are doing everything they can to discourage automobile traffic and encourage cyclists. Unfortunately, even if the desire exists to move Destin in this direction, accomplishing a reasonably walkable community will be difficult. But the stakes of doing nothing are high also.

The Crystal Beach area of Destin is the most livable, mixed-use part of town. There aren't corporate chain businesses everywhere because there is not enough automobile, drive-by traffic to support them. There aren't bike lanes—the traffic only moves at 15 to 20 miles per hour—and there's an oyster shell shoulder by the road. There aren't expensive crosswalkie lights—just painted crosswalks on the road, but they work. People enjoy biking, walking their dogs, and jogging, all without fear of having their vacation ruined by getting run over.

Twenty miles to the east is another world. Real estate and business values have soared along a stretch of an old two-lane road. People get to 30A by car, but once there, they employ every non-motorized means of transportation you can imagine. There aren't any jet skis, pontoon boats or parasails. But there are thousands of bikes, paddleboards and kayaks. There are people walking everywhere.

The visitors to 30A aren't any nicer than the tourists in Destin. It's likely that they are a bit snobbier. But one thing is certain, they have more money. It's a sensitive subject. But, unfortunately for almost all business people, if you're trying to sell something it's easier to sell to people who have money.

Sophisticated, savvy travelers all have one thing in common. They avoid tourist traps like the plague. Successful communities that depend on tourism know this. They do everything they can to avoid the dreaded tag "tourist trap" because higher income tourists are the goal. It results in prosperous businesses, higher real estate values, more lucrative rental rates, and extra money for infrastructure. It's a tricky subject, but it's universal.

The same amenities that attract wealthier tourists attract other people, too. People who want to relocate their families, their businesses and their money are drawn to certain things. Nice places to live are almost always nice places to visit.

Destin's future depends on these things. In addition to providing a town that provides a relatively safe atmosphere for walking and cycling, we need more. More trees. We need underground utilities (cars wrecking into power poles cause outages at our restaurants several times a year). Faster Internet service.

We don't need good schools—we need ridiculously excellent schools. A community swimming pool. We need less of the things that detract from our remarkable beaches, bay and harbor. We need less of the things that make Destin not much different from any exit off of any interstate highway in this country.

It's going to take hard work. It's going to require that we look at things differently than we have in the past. We're going to have to pay attention to what neighboring areas have done to create livable communities.

What we don't need is a Tourist Development Council dramatically pushing for more advertising. Our tourism was developed (and much better developed) 20 years ago. We needed a Tourist Maintenance Council. Many of our regular visitors from years past aren't coming to Destin anymore. They're not tempted by special deals and promotions. They've been here. They're not coming back.

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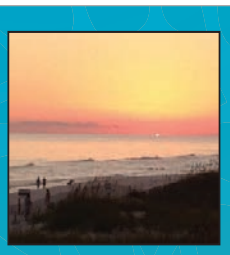
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A Hub for Art in Open Spaces

Tom and Cameron Brown, owners of the Shops at the Hub, have generously allowed for a new concept. They are permitting artists to come and paint live at the Shops at the Hub on 30A at Watersound Beach.

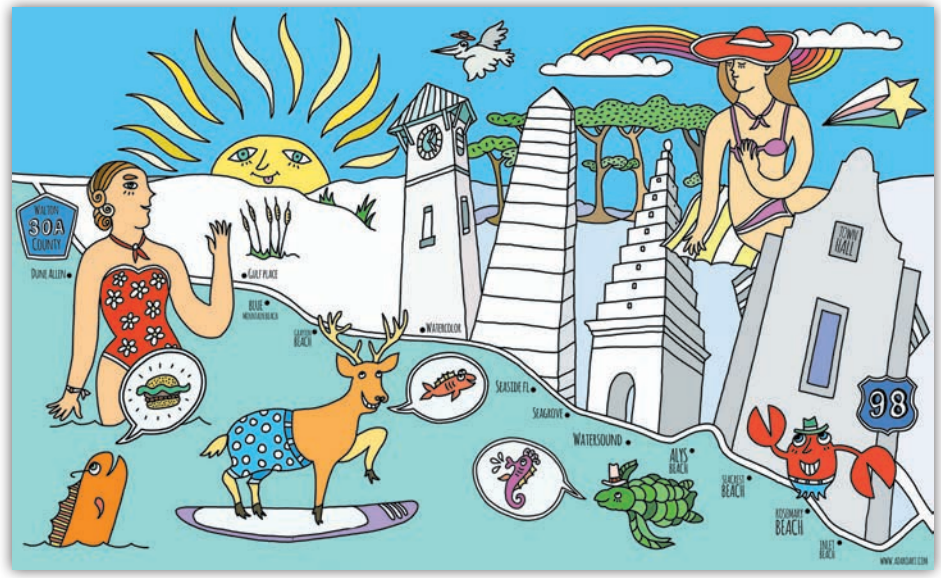
Participating artists can set up a drop cloth, paint live and sell their work at no cost each Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. until crowds thin out for the season. Artists may submit their work to Allison Wickey or Francisco Adaro for review. Respective emails are **allison@allisonwickey.com** and **adaro.art@gmail.com.**

No percentage of sales will be taken. FREE internet is provided, but artists must provide his or her own sources of payment processing. Additionally, artists must commit to at least two Wednesdays in a row, paint live, and tag any Facebook, Instagram and/or Twitter posts with the Shops at the Hub and whatever shop is closest to the artist's set-up area.

Artists are asked not to block any shop entrances. Bring a drop cloth and your own materials and easel or small table. Leave your space as clean as when you arrive. Artists are responsible for removing all of their trash.

Tom and Cameron Brown, Allison Wickey, Brooke Gontarek or Francisco Adaro may remove or revoke future artists from painting at the shops at any time for any reason.

- Francisco Adaro



Francisco Adaro's loving tribute to Scenic Highway 30A.

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ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

AMUSE ART STUDIO, 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Drawing and acrylic classes. Call 850-660-6560 for more info.

ARTFUL THINGS, 1087 East John Sims Parkway, Niceville. Call 850-729-2600 for more info.

Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O'Grady, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Cost is $20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. **rosalynograd y.com.**

Wednesdays. Watercolor with Lou Kaunzinger, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost for four-week session is $80 plus supplies. Call Lou at 850-897-1456.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at **artsdesignsociety.org.**

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque** is $12 ($10 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is $15 ($12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 p.m. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is $70 ($60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is $85 ($70 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay, please) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is $7 ($5 for ADSO members).

Fridays. Open Studio, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

June 19-23 and July 10-14. Kids' Summer Art Camp. Classes begin on Monday with clay artistry and feature a different medium each day, including, drawing and painting. Each week ends with an art show and reception for the families during the second half of Friday's class. Cost of the weeklong classes is $70 per child ($60 for children of ADSO members).

The sessions are organized by age groups. Session 1, for ages 6-8, is **June 19-23,** 9:30-11:30 a.m. Session 2, for ages 9-13, is **June 19-23,** 1-3 p.m. Session 3, for ages 6-11, is **July 10-14,** 9:30-11:30 a.m. Session 4, for ages 6-11, is **July 10-14,** 1-3 p.m.

EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS, Destin. Call 850-460-8644 to register for classes, and visit **emeraldcoastartgallery.com** for more info.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY, 29 B Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit **fullcirclefwb.com** for more info.

Thursdays. Pottery a la Carte, 6-8 p.m. Cost per session is $35.

THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton, Grayton Beach. ShardWorx is a new way of making art with glass and resin on a painted surface. Open Mon.-Sat., 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m. Classes daily. Adult classes, 9:30 a.m. All ages classes at 11 a.m., 12:45 and 2:15 p.m. Classes last about an hour, and all materials are provided. Artwork is ready the day after class. All skill levels welcome. Adults start at $85, kids at $40. Sign up online at **ShardShop.com** or call 850-231-0544.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH JUNE 23. "CARNAVAL" AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH
The Arts and Design Society (ADSO) member show features a variety of exciting interpretations. The winning 13 works will be featured on the 2018 ADSO calendar. More at **artsdesignsociety.org.**

THROUGH JUNE 30. ADSO WINDOW GALLERY EXHIBIT AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

This month, the spotlight is on our great friend **Helen Harris,** owner of HH Arts.

THROUGH JULY 22. "TALES AND MYTHS: THE PAINTINGS OF KATHERINE ACE" AT MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER GALLERIES, NICEVILLE
The exhibition of works by Portland, Oregon-based artist Ace takes familiar and not-so-familiar fairy tales and retells them in large-scale mixed-media paintings. The exhibition is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and 90 minutes prior most Mainstage Theater performances in the McIlroy and Holzhauer Galleries. Call 850-729-6044 for more info.

THROUGH AUG. 31. KAY RICHOUX EXHIBIT AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH
Richoux takes over the SoWal library all summer long.

JUNE 22. ADSO PHOTO CLUB MEETING AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH
Join ADSO's shutterbugs at 7 p.m. for a short program on focus stacking, followed by a program on Photoshop for photographers. FREE and open to anyone interested. Call 850-244-1271 for more info.

JUNE 28. LONNIE RICH AT THE ART CENTER GALLEY, FORT WALTON BEACH
The longtime artist and former educator speaks at ADSO's monthly luncheon, starting at 11:30 a.m. Rich forges his unique artwork using heart pine knots, cedar driftwood and stone. Learn more at **artistsoneastbay.com.**

Cost for the luncheon is $12 if you make your reservations by Monday, **June 26—**after that, it's $15. Call Risa at 850-376-3901 or email **adsorsvp@gmail.com**.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@gmail.com or visit adaroart.com for more info.

AMUSE ART STUDIO Acrylic paintings, watercolors and gifts. Owner and artist **Linda Barton** has a Master's Degree in Art Education. Open 2-6 p.m. daily except Wednesdays. 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-660-6560 or 250-901-0718. Check out more at **amuseartstudio.com.**

ARTFUL THINGS Original oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as prints and note cards by local artists. Art classes, supplies and custom framing available. 1087 John Sims Pkwy., Niceville, 850-729-2600. **www.artfulthings.net.**

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ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. **www.artsdesignsociety.org**.

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EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS features a plethora of one-of-a-kind paintings, handcrafted jewelry, handmade furniture, glass art, prints, home décor and gifts from over 30 local and area artists. Check online at **emeraldcoastartgallery.com** for classes and workshop schedules. Classes are given by gallery owners **Claire Gagne** and **Jennifer Viaene** and other featured artists in the gallery. Classes include acrylic painting, watercolor, mosaic glass and shard glass. Come on in and have some fun! Gallery is located in the McGuire's Shopping Plaza in Destin between Boca Boutique and McGuire's Sushi. 850-460-8644.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY AND STUDIO is a contemporary and inspirational art space. We feature the works of regional artists in our gallery and offer an array of art classes with award-winning artists. We also have Paint Your Own Pottery. Come get creative with us! Located at 29B Eglin Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-362-8041. **www.fullcirclefwb.com.**

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HH ARTS is a new gallery offering works for sale from local artists in all mediums. There are many award-winning artists displayed in oil, acrylic, encaustic, collage, clay, handmade candles, and handmade jewelry designs in glass, leather and Victorian style. Studio space available for artists at reasonable rates. An outdoor area is also available for plein air painting or classes, with lighting and overhead covering. There will be classes offered for children and adults. Located at 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach (three blocks off 98, across from Troy University). Open Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. For more info, call 850-218-2155 and "like" HH Arts on Facebook.

MARY HONG GALLERY Located next to the Shard Shop in the Shops of Grayton. Mary Hong is the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year and has been featured in over 10 publications, as well as on the Golf Channel's *Morning Drive Show* and *Emeril's Florida* TV show. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at the Shard Shop located adjacent to her gallery. There is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Gallery is open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, noon-5 p.m. 26 Logan Lane, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1416. **MaryHongStudio.com.**

MATTIE KELLY ART GALLERIES AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE The Arts Center Galleries at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville encompass two galleries showcasing 20 different international, national and regional exhibitions yearly, which are unique to this region. Viewing hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Visit **www.mattiekellyartscenter.org** or call 850-729-6044.

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CALL TO ARTISTS

The Arts and Design Society is calling all artists to participate in their upcoming "What's in the Constitution" show, in which artwork inspired by a phrase from the United States Constitution, must have that phrase appear in the artwork. Cash awards. Turn in work Saturday, **June 24,** 1-4 p.m., and Monday, **June 26,** 9 a.m.-noon. Entry fee is $35 for two pieces ($25 for ADSO members). A copy of the entry form with details is available at **artsdesignsociety.org.** Call 850-244-1271 for more info.

ADSO is also calling all artists to submit work in any medium for "Art of the Landscape"—art depicting landscapes or cityscapes. Cash awards. Turn-in dates are Saturday, **July 15,** 1-4 p.m., and Monday, **July 17,** 9 a.m.-noon. Entry fee is $25 for two pieces ($25 for ADSO members). A copy of the entry form with details is available at **artsdesignsociety.org.** Call 850-244-1271 for more info.

Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF) announces a call for artists for its 22nd Annual Festival of the Arts, to be held **Oct. 28 and 29** throughout the grounds of the Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village in Destin. Artist applications and poster competition entries are now being accepted. The winning design for the official poster competition will become the signature artwork reproduced on festival t-shirts, posters, marketing collateral and specialty merchandise, and will be prominently displayed on the cover of the official Festival of the Arts guide with a distribution of more than 30,000.

In addition, a $500 cash prize will be awarded to the winning artist's design. The artist entry and poster contest application deadline is **June 26.** Artist applications, entry forms and rules of participation at **MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org.**

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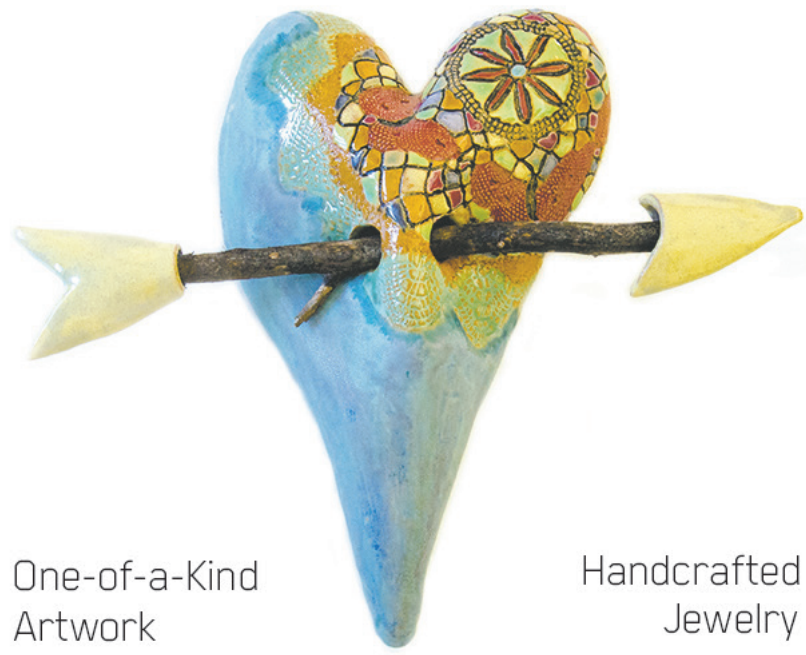

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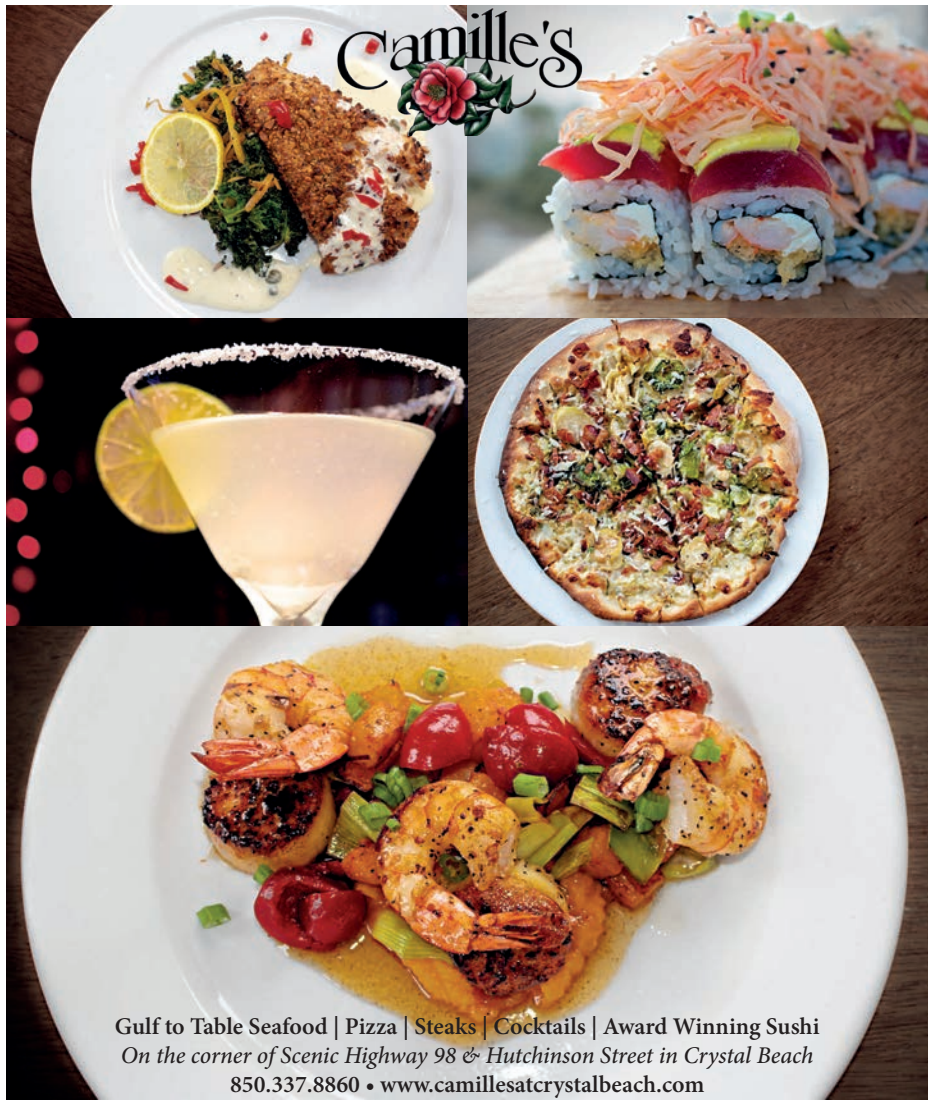

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The Reality of Ken and Andi Johnson

By Chris Manson

Performers, songwriters and reality TV stars Ken and Andi Johnson devalue themselves by posing for a groupie with Editor Manson.

I must really love these guys, considering it was a four-hour round trip from Fort Walton Beach to Seaside, where **Ken and Andi Johnson** are getting ready to set up for their weekly show in the amphitheater as Huck and Lilly.

They offer to buy lunch at Bud & Alley's Pizza Bar, and I happily accept even though it's way too early to take full advantage of the couple's generosity by ordering several pricey cocktails. I'm grateful they don't like any of that weird stuff on their pie.

This is one of the couple's favorite local spots, along with the state parks and the Coastal Dune Lakes, where they like to take the boat out and catch fish for dinner. When dining out, they lean toward Cowgirl Kitchen and Old Florida Fish House in Seagrove Beach and Rosemary Beach's La Crema.

"You feel like you're in another country when you go to La Crema," says Andi.

I first met the Johnsons a year ago, when *Beachcomber* profiled the couple under their kid-friendly personas. At the time, they were commuting back and forth from Nashville, but now they call Seagrove Beach home.

"I'm getting more work done here than I did in Nashville. More meaningful work anyway," says Ken.

Huck and Lilly perform most Tuesday evenings at the Seaside Amphitheater at 6:30. They will also be at the Hub 30A in Watersound July 12. After tonight's show, they—Ken and Andi, I mean—will head up to Nashville for the CMT Music Awards.

The Johnsons aren't up for any CMT honors this year, but were invited due to their status as recurring cast members on the network's reality show *I Love Kellie Pickler.* Andi and the country music diva are also BFFs in real life. The show kicks off its third season Aug. 3—"We're in about 60 to 70 percent of the episodes," says Ken—and while the Johnsons are members of the Screen Actors Guild, they are quick to inform me that the pay scale for reality television is "different" from scripted series.

"They don't ever tell us what to say," Andi adds. "We just have fun, and they edit it the way they want." She calls the Pickler show a "docu-comedy."

"It's a no-drama, positive thing," says Ken, which I find interesting since *Kellie Pickler* executive producer Ryan Seacrest is also responsible for ramming the Kardashians down America's throats.

Occasionally, you might hear one of the Johnsons' original songs on the show. Sometimes they're written while the cameras are rolling.

Since we last talked, Ken has launched **HitSongwriterHouseConcerts.com,** which is kind of like one of those 30A Fest "Songwriters in the Round" shows in your living room. Shows are set to begin in July, and Ken says the first three months are already booked. "I wanted to find a way to still make a living in the music business," he says.

The two-hour shows will feature folks like James Slater, Billy Montana, Al Anderson, and Kellie Pickler's on-and-off-screen husband Kyle Jacobs. Ken says he will offer Huck and Lilly shows, too. The only requirement to be part of the stable of performers is "you have to have a minimum of five number-one songs to your credit," says Ken.

Speaking of which, Ken landed a song on the latest Harry Connick Jr. album. It's called "Every Time I Fall in Love." He, Andi, Kellie and Kyle went to New York recently to promote the reality series on Connick's daytime talk show. Ken had not met Connick but wanted to say hey and shake Harry's hand.

"He looked at me and walked over during a break," says Ken. "He told me he loved the song and said he was going to perform it on the show. 'And you're going to sing it with me,' he said. '*Now?!?*' I asked. And Harry said, 'No, in 30 seconds.'"

You can also hear a song that Ken wrote (with Tim Montana and ZZ Top's Billy Gibbons) in the upcoming Tom Berenger-Gina Gershon film *American Dresser.* The movie's title refers to a specific type of Harley. Andi landed a cut on the recent Brothers Osborne album. "It's called 'Heart Shaped Locket,'" she says, adding almost too giddily: "It's a cheating song!"

Ken is also involved with an outfit (sorry, couldn't help myself) called the Black Jacket Symphony, and he and Andi occasionally get a chance to see some of our local musicians in action. "I performed with Balder (Saunders) and Kyle (Ogle) and Forrest Williams and Chris Alvarado at a crawfish boil," says Ken. "I like Hugh Mitchell, too, and we see a lot of great touring musicians at the Hub and Seaside."

We barely have time to browse Central Square Records before I have to begin my long journey home (it's bowling night) and Ken has to set up for tonight's show. But I do manage to hang around long enough to eyeball a nice display for the Huck and Lilly CD. You should buy a copy for every kid you know, starting with yourself.

NEXT ISSUE: *Andi shares some highlights from the CMT Music Awards.*

Q&A with Rock Legend Alejandro Escovedo

By Chris Manson

Photo by Nancy Rankin Escovedo.

More than anything, I hope you're in good health. Your battle with hepatitis-C in the early 2000s has been well documented.
Yes, I'm about to begin the tour tomorrow. I'm in Dallas now, where my wife Nancy and I live. It was a long struggle—20-something years of dealing with that disease. I've become involved in spreading awareness of liver cancer. I'm feeling really well and doing my part to help others that might have the same problems (I had).

Congratulations on 25 years as a solo artist. What have been some of the highlights of the past quarter century?
It's been a good run. Just making my first solo album was one of the biggest of all. The first of the three records I made with Stephen Bruton, who we lost to cancer about five years ago. A lot of the lessons I learned from Stephen I carry with me still. Bruton had a beautiful feel for music. I can't say one bad thing about him except that I wish he was still with us.

Recording *A Man Under the Influence* with Chris Stamey. Being signed to Bloodshot Records. Playing with heroes like Ian Hunter and Bruce Springsteen. Here we are 40 something years later, so that's pretty cool.

Are Peter Buck (R.E.M.) and Scott McCaughey (The Minus Five, Young Fresh Fellows)—your *Burn Something Beautiful* collaborators—part of the current touring band?
Collaborators have always lent something to make my vision more developed, the sound more concise and focused than maybe I would have if left to my own devices.

We don't get to tour as much as we'd like, because their (Buck and McCaughey's) schedules are pretty intense. We're doing a July show in Marina Del Rey California, and then up to Portland, Oregon, to write the new record. It might be a more acoustic sounding album.

I would think there would be a lot of musicians wanting to work with you, especially the folks in Austin, Texas.
I get to work with a lot of great guys. Living in Dallas now, it's harder to get down to Austin. We travel so much. We just finished a solo tour, and 32 shows in 45 days in 10 different countries with a band from Italy. We're constantly working, so it's hard to keep one band because I'm trying to do so many things. Eventually I want to write a book, a "mythical memoir."

Is there anyone you'd love to work with?
I wanted to work with Bowie, of course. I've never worked with Daniel Lanois or Brian Eno—I'd love to work with them. I'm doing two albums next year, one with the Italian band, Don Antonio.

You were in some good bands (Rank and File, True Believers) prior to going solo in 1992. Do any of those songs still make it into the set list?
On this tour, half is really obscure things and a lot of old gems—an acoustic and electric set. (As far as the band songs), I'd like to revisit them some day. For me it's always been about looking ahead, and I haven't had time to really reflect.

You come from a very musical family. Who inspired you most during your formative years, in or outside the family?
My father was number one. He sang in a mariachi band in the '30s and played guitar. My older brothers Pete, Coke and Phillip influenced me in a way I wasn't aware of. When I started having my own bands, I applied things I learned from them—big groups of percussion, strings, horns, keyboards.

Also, Ian Hunter, Bowie, Iggy Pop, the Dolls. Iggy was fascinating—I couldn't get enough Iggy Pop. All those bands were great, but Iggy and Mott were very special.

I saw you in Pensacola about four years ago, and it was one of the most exciting and energetic rock 'n roll shows I can recall. What can we expect this go-round?
It's gonna be a little more varied, stylistically all over the place. Not rocking so much as getting the songs across. In the acoustic set, I'll do more talking about the songs and the stories.

Have you heard any music lately we should know about?
I've been listening to a lot of Cuban, Puerto Rican, the Fania All Stars. We got a bunch of 45s while we were on the road, bought every 45 we could find. Just digging those.

Do you think the current president has any Alejandro Escovedo songs on his iPod?
Judging by the way he moved to his inaugural music, I doubt if he listens to any music. But let's hope he listens to Ted Nugent. He deserves that (*laughs*).

Alejandro Escovedo performs Friday, **June 30,** *at Pensacola's Vinyl Music Hall. Learn more at* **AlejandroEscovedo.com.**

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Bleachers

Gone Now

RCA

Gone Now is the sophomore album from Jack Antonoff's musical project Bleachers. The spirited, '80s-leaning record is full of Antonoff's signatures—bedroom production, anthemic energy, and unflinching sincerity. He sings about nostalgia and boisterous love, and his songs reveal how those feelings sound at their core. Some of Antonoff's best work has been his songwriting and production for artists including Lorde and Carly Rae Jepsen, and the wholeheartedness that makes that work so great becomes even more personal as Bleachers. *Gone Now* is an album that celebrates the level to which we feel things—deeply, shamelessly, and always.

- Jane Morgan

Lili Blessing

Lifeline

Sleeveless

First off, what a voice! Lili Blessing's debut release is a presentation of rich melodies through intimate vocals that imbues the listener with a sense of hope, love and friendship in the hectic modern world. Her lyrics convey the optimism of youthful dreaming through the worldview of an old soul. Blessing is the daughter of accomplished songstress Sara Hickman, and the maturity of her muse leads one to believe the apple didn't fall far from the tree. The musical settings are enhanced by the collaborations of Austin musicians, as well as vocal harmony arrangements that are almost orchestrations. Standouts include "Awake" and the title track. Think Norah Jones or even Adele.

- Bruce Salmon

Amber Coffman

City of No Reply

Columbia

Coffman's solo debut takes a more true-to-self approach to the pettiness and simulated confidence of many breakup albums. Through cutting, quiet ballads and R&B-leaning pop songs, Coffman learns to stand on her own beyond her previous band, Dirty Projectors, and her ex-boyfriend and bandmate David Longstreth. It is an album about hard fought autonomy, both creative and emotional. Her past lingers throughout the record as the falling outs of fraught relationships often do, but these moments shed light on the pain in a way that makes Coffman's ultimate catharsis all the more palpable. *City of No Reply* reveals the complicated, emotional progression beyond toxicity to self-reliance.

- Jane Morgan

Greta Van Fleet

Black Smoke Rising

Republic

After this EP dropped in April, Apple Music wasted no time touting Van Fleet as their new artist of the week. A respectable and well earned honor for sure, but this band is a dead ringer for classic rock, specifically the almighty Led Zeppelin. Listen to "Highway Song" and "Flower Power," and prepare to be blown away by the truly uncanny similarity. But instead of sounding like trying-too-hard copycats, GVF's music is unique and fresh, capable of fast tracking ear candy status all on its own. If you're a fan of rock, new or old, this is one EP that will not disappoint.

- Joni Williams

Nicholas Horvath

Satie, Complete Piano Works Vol. 1

Grand Piano

French pianist-composer and archetypal eccentric Erik Satie gets meticulous attention from Horvath on *Satie, Complete Piano Works Vol. 1*. Twenty-seven pieces drawn from Satie's early years make up what I hope is only the first installment of more Satie from Horvath. Here, Satie is still trying on and shedding outside influences (Chopin, for one), and there's a more formal, romantic, light-classical feel to the pieces, with titles like "Sarabande." Still, there's a hint of the mature Satie, the sly archness and intellectual jokes that characterize later works like "Dried-up embryos" and "Three pieces in the form of a pear."

- Bruce Collier

Sean Jones

Live from Jazz at the Bistro

Mack Avenue

Trumpet powerhouse Jones recorded this album live in 2015 at Ferring Jazz Bistro in St. Louis. Joining him on the stand are his quartet colleagues of some 12 years—pianist Orrin Evans, bassist Luques Curtis and drummer Obed Calvaire. Subbing for Calvaire on four tracks is Mark Whitfield Jr., and saxman Brian Hogans sits in on four tracks. Apparently Jones had been hungering to do a live record for years. If you've ever heard him live (I did once, with JLCO), you know that the heroic, hard bop stand-and-deliver trumpet style of Morgan, Shaw and Brown still lives.

- Bruce Collier

The Mosleys

Ordinary Time

Independent

This (now local) husband-wife duo has a story to tell about life, love and going after dreams. With light acoustic backing, Rachel Mosley's airy voice is framed perfectly to shine. The Mosleys bring in some extra instrumentation for the full-length album—dots of percussion and harmonica—but it's songs like "Thicker Than Water" that pack an emotional wallop with only acoustic guitar and voice in place. *Ordinary Time* is full of soulful folk goodness and far from ordinary.

- Nikki Hedrick

Paw Paw's Medicine Cabinet

The Great Room, Somebody Else's Dream

Independent

When you are an unconventional band, it means you are open to unconventional ideas. Instead of releasing a debut full-length album, Paw Paw's Medicine Cabinet released two simultaneously, because why not? The new tunes showcase the band's growth and evolution into their own genre-bending sound. It's Americana with some pop, a jam band with southern roots, it's what happens when strong songwriters step out of solo gigs and into a band. Their music doesn't fit neatly into a genre. But "neat" isn't for music—music is about creating something with heart, and Paw Paw's Medicine Cabinet knocks it out of the park.

- Nikki Hedrick

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AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

DUCK DUCK, Destin
DJ/VJ DOC ROC, 10 p.m.

FUDPUCKER'S, Okaloosa Island
DOWNBEAT JAZZ ORCHESTRA, 7 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
THE MOON LAGOONS, 9 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4-7 p.m.

GULF PLACE, Santa Rosa Beach
CASEY KEARNEY, 5 p.m.

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
THE VILLAGE BELLES, 7:30 p.m.
Red, White & Blue Celebration

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10 p.m.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.
Ladies Night

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
ADAM HOLT DUO, 6 p.m.

MATTIE KELLY CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE, Destin, MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org
TYLER KINCHEN AND THE RIGHT PIECES, 7 p.m. ($15, Children 12 and Under FREE)
Concerts in the Village welcomes Ponchatoula, Louisiana's energetic R&B/funk outfit.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RICK'S CRAB TRAP, Fort Walton Beach
WAYNE HALL, 6 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30AVENUE, Inlet Beach
BEN LOFTIN BAND, 6-9 p.m.
Music on the Green

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 8 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
LUKE LANGFORD AND 331 SOUTH, 8 p.m.-Midnight

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TONI DRAGO, 3-5 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

FORT WALTON BEACH LANDING
THE MOOS BROS., 6-8 p.m.
Concerts on the Landing, presented by 102.1 "The Wave" radio.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
CASSIDY DICKENS – FRIENDS FLY SOUTH, 9 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
LEO STOKES, 4-7 p.m.

HILTON SANDESTIN, Miramar Beach
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JIM COUCH, 6-10 p.m.
FIVE O'CLOCK CHARLIE, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach
FINGA FAYA, 4-7 p.m.

LAGERHEADS, Navarre Beach
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
THE MOON LAGOONS, Noon
WEBB DALTON, 6 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.
HERITAGE, 9 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

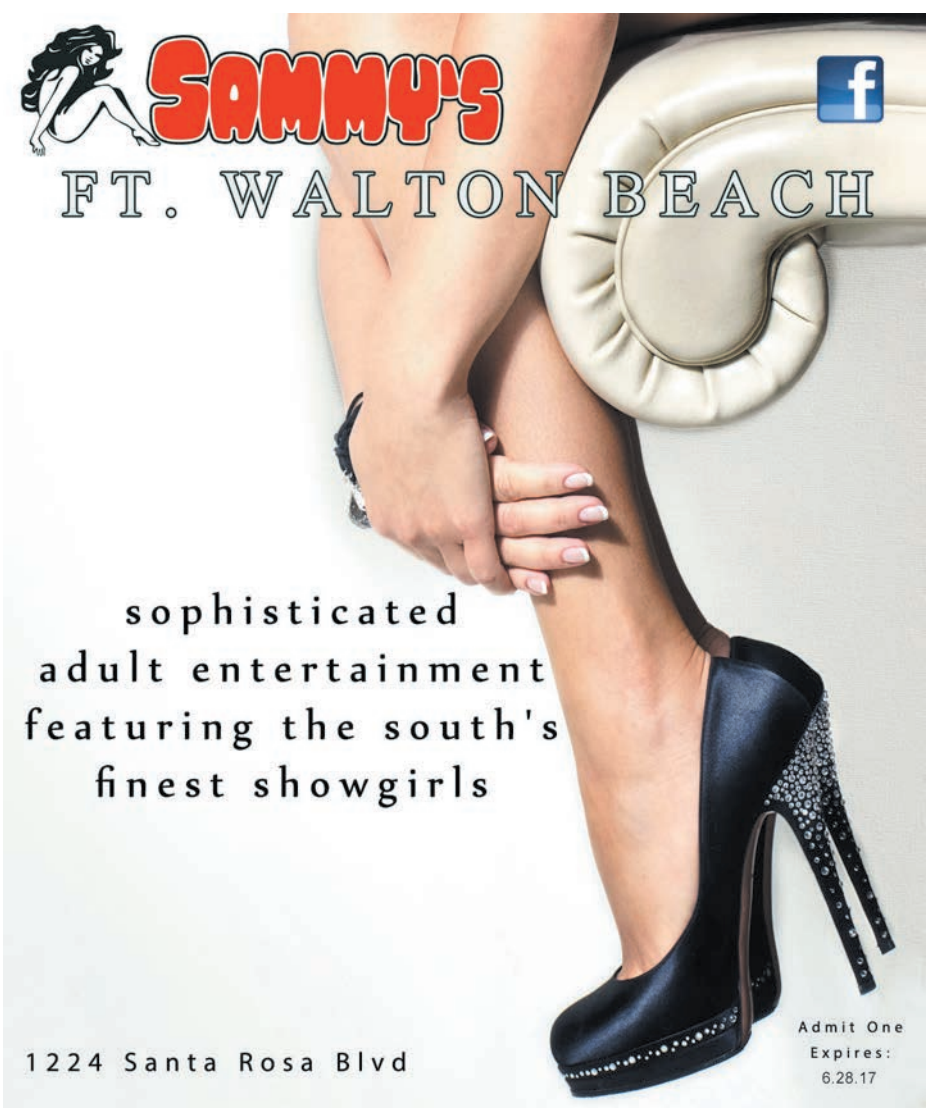
THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

PROPS BREWERY, Fort Walton Beach
WAYNE HALL, 7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SANDESTIN BEACH CLUB, Miramar Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 1 p.m.



Record Roundup continued...

#IAMDJDEEZY

Elevated Underground

Listed on Spotify as a compilation, this album boasts the collective power of many of Beachcomberland's hip-hop artists. Whether it's party songs or addressing social issues head-on, each track features a different selection of Elevated Underground artists and friends like Strange Tang's Obliq and Price, Chase Carter and Thaddaeus Royale. Make no mistake, there is a DJ Deezy at the helm, and *#IAMDJDEEZY* fearlessly makes a statement through art.

- Nikki Hedrick

EDITOR'S PICKS – OLD TIME ROCK 'N ROLL

Chuck Berry, *Chuck.* Best album by a 90-year-old rocker ever.

Dion, *Kickin' Child: The Lost 1965 Columbia Album.* One of rock's greatest, and thank the lord he's still with us. Over the past six decades, Dion has done a lot more than dabble in various styles—doo-wop, gospel, blues (recently) and folk (here)—he's mastered everything that's caught his fancy. "Wake Up Mama" and "Two Ton Feather" are among the man's finest compositions. And he "got" Dylan long before Ricky Nelson. Speaking of...

Bob Dylan, *Triplicate.* For those who (incorrectly) slighted the Maestro's previous Great American Songbook albums, here's a threefer you probably won't like either. A nice mix of standards and obscurities, with Dylan in fine voice and the some strong guitar work, particularly on the third disc.

- Chris Manson

Live Music

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
TK BARDWELL, 6-9 p.m.

STRIPES PUB & GRILL, Navarre
KAYE K. & THE YARD DOGS

SUNSET BAY CAFE, Miramar Beach
MARI GLEASON, 5 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
ROSSI, 7-9 p.m.
Friday Night Originals

THE 30A STORE, Seagrove Beach
CASEY KEARNEY, 6 p.m.

TOPS'L, Miramar Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 5 p.m.

VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 7-10 p.m.
Baytowne Live

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
NIRVANNA, 7 p.m.
FREE Gallery Night show. Nirvanna is a Nirvana tribute band, in case you didn't figure that one out.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 2-6 p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BT TURNER, 3 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
LUKE LANGFORD AND 331 SOUTH, 8 p.m.-Midnight

BEST WESTERN, Okaloosa Island
DIKI ROSS, 1 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

BROTULA'S, Destin
FLASH FLOOD DUO, 2-6 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
ACTION DOUG, 3-5 p.m.

CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach
MARI GLEASON, 1 p.m.

EMERALD COAST HARLEY-DAVIDSON, Fort Walton Beach
THOMAS DRIVE, Noon

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CADILLAC WILLY, 9 p.m.

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
HERITAGE, 7 p.m.
Rock the Docks

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
KEVIN CARSON, 6-10 p.m.
FIVE O'CLOCK CHARLIE, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

ISLAND WING CO., Destin
BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
WEBB DALTON BAND, Noon
LIGHT TRAVELERS, 6 p.m.

THE ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK, Fort Walton Beach
WAYNE HALL, 6 p.m.

THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET, Santa Rosa Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 8 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
BLUE LEW, 6-9 p.m.

SUNSET BAY CAFE, Miramar Beach
AL ALVARADO, 5 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com
STEVIE HALL, 7-10 p.m.
Baytowne Live

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
GRAYSON CAPPS, 7 p.m.

WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

AJ'S, Destin
ALEXA BURROUGHS, Noon-3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 4-8 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
JAMAH TERRY, 5-9 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin
CONTINUUM, 3 p.m.

BROTULA'S, Destin
MOSE WILSON AND THE DELTA TWANG, 11:30 a.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
BOB CUSHING, 5-9 p.m.

CAPT. FUN'S, Pensacola Beach
HERITAGE, 3 p.m.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village, CrabIslandCantina.com
BT TURNER, 1 p.m.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 a.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
POST PLUTO, 9 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3-6 p.m.

GULF PLACE, Santa Rosa Beach
PURPLE MONKEY, 5 p.m.

HARRY T'S, HarborWalk Village
KYLE LaMONICA, 4 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
ROBOTS WITH RAYGUNS, 5 p.m.

THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
IN BUSINESS, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

JUANA'S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach
COCONUT RADIO, 3 p.m.

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m.
Sunday Funday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
BOUKOU GROOVE, 1 p.m.
WEBB DALTON, 6 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin
HOPE GIVEN, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
BILL GARRETT, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach
BILL GARRETT – "SMILIN'" FRITZ FROESCHNER, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
KEVIN CARSON, 3-5 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
MOSE WILSON AND THE DELTA TWANG, 8 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JASON FINDLEY, 6-10 p.m.

KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 7-11 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN' JACK, 6 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
JOHN HOORMANN, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

AJ'S, Destin
LEX AND THE LUTHORS, 7:30-11:30 p.m. (Jumbotron Stage)

UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

JUNE 16

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, *Louie Louie Louie*
Big Boi, *BOOMIVERSE*
Cheap Trick, *We're All Alright!*
CKY, *The Phoenix*
Steve Earle, *So You Wanna Be an Outlaw* (Also on Vinyl)
Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit, *The Nashville Sound*
Jet, *Get Born (Deluxe Edition)*
Lorde, *Melodrama*
Alison Moyet, *Other*
John Mulaney, *The Comeback Kid*
Nickelback, *Feed the Machine*
The Rolling Stones, *Some Girls: Live in Texas '78*
The Rolling Stones / Muddy Waters, *Checkerboard Lounge: Live in Chicago 1981*
Styx, *The Mission*
Matthew Sweet, *Tomorrow Forever* (Also on Vinyl)
Gretchen Wilson, *Ready to Get Rowdy*
Eli Young Band, *Fingerprints*

JUNE 23

Banditos, *Visionland*
Joe Bonamassa, *Joe Bonamassa Live at Carnegie Hall – An Acoustic Evening* (Also on Vinyl and Blu-ray)
Cage the Elephant, *Unpeeled*
DJ Khaled, *Grateful*
Allen Ginsberg, *The Complete Songs of Innocence and Experience*
Imagine Dragons, *EVOLVE*
Willie Nile, *Positively Bob: Willie Nile Sings Bob Dylan*
Harry Nilsson, *Popeye – Music from the Motion Picture (Deluxe Edition)*
Prince and the Revolution, *Purple Rain Deluxe*
Vince Staples, *Big Fish Theory*
311, *Mosaic*
Bryson Tiller, *True to Self*
Jeff Tweedy, *Together at Last*
Tammy Wynette, *We Sure Can Love Each Other / I Still Believe in Fairy Tales*
Baby Driver (Music from the Motion Picture) (Also on Vinyl)

Sources: pauseandplay.com

Live Music

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 6-9 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
BLAKE BROCK, 5-9 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 p.m.

CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

CLUB LA, Destin
L.A. GUNS – KICKSTAND JENNY, 8 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Open Mic Night with MIKE INGRAM, 8 p.m.

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
VILLAGE BRASS BAND, 7 p.m.
Fat Tuesday

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
RONNIE PRESLEY, 6 p.m.

THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin
HUGH MITCHELL & THE HIGH TIDE, 5-7 p.m.
Pop & Shop Concerts

POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 2-5 p.m.
DIKI ROSS, 6 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
BO ADAMS, 6-9 p.m.
Taco Tuesday

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com
STEVIE HALL, 7-10 p.m.
Baytowne Live

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 5-9 p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
THREE BEAN SOUP, 5-9 p.m.
Stick around for fireworks at 9 p.m. sharp.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CONTINUUM, 8 p.m.

HELEN BACK, Okaloosa Island
DJ/VJ DOC ROC, 9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JUSTIN YAWN, 6 p.m.

THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic Hosted by CHRISTIAN MAYES

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
NEIL SEBREE, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com
STEPHEN SIMMONS, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday Night Concert Series

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
THE MOVEMENT, 7 p.m.

WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

DUCK DUCK, Destin
DJ/VJ DOC ROC, 10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
THE MOON LAGOONS, 9 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
MELISSA JOINER, 7 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4-7 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10 p.m.

THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
HERITAGE, 7 p.m.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.
Ladies Night

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
LEFTY COLLINS, 6 p.m.

MATTIE KELLY CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE, Destin, MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org
TRIGGERPROOF, 7 p.m. ($15, Children 12 and Under FREE)
Concerts in the Village

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach
COCONUT RADIO, 2 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RICK'S CRAB TRAP, Fort Walton Beach
WAYNE HALL, 6 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30AVENUE, Inlet Beach
YAMADEO, 6-9 p.m.
Music on the Green

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 8 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
GRAPE DRINK, 8 p.m.-Midnight

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TONI DRAGO, 3-5 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

DUCK DUCK, Destin
DJ/VJ DOC ROC, 10 p.m.

FORT WALTON BEACH LANDING
JUKEBOX SUPER HEROES, 6-8 p.m.
Concerts on the Landing, presented by 102.1 "The Wave" radio.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
THE MOON LAGOONS, 9 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
ED WRANN, 4-7 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JIM COUCH, 6-10 p.m.
ROSHAMBEATLES, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach
FINGA FAYA, 4-7 p.m.
SPANISH FLY, 9 p.m.

LAGERHEADS, Navarre Beach
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
THREE BEAN SOUP, 6 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.
NEW EARTH ARMY, 9 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SANDESTIN BEACH CLUB, Miramar Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 1 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
TK BARDWELL, 6-9 p.m.

SUNSET BAY CAFE, Miramar Beach
MARI GLEASON, 5 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TAILFINS, Destin
HERITAGE, 9 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.

Live Music

30A STORE, Seagrove Beach
CASEY KEARNEY, 6 p.m.

VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 7-10 p.m.
Baytowne Live

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 2-6 p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BT TURNER, 3 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
GRAPE DRINK, 8 p.m.-Midnight

BEST WESTERN, Okaloosa Island
DIKI ROSS, 1 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

BROTULA'S, Destin
FLASH FLOOD DUO, 2-6 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
ACTION DOUG, 3-5 p.m.

CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach
MARI GLEASON, 1 p.m.

COUNTY LINE PIZZA, Fort Walton Beach
BOB CUSHING, 9 p.m.

CRAB ISLAND, Destin
MARSHA MARSHA MARSHA, Noon

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
HERITAGE, 9 p.m.

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
THE SPRINGS, 7-9 p.m.
Rock the Docks

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BO ADAMS, 6-10 p.m.
ROSHAMBEATLES, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
THE GRAYTONES, Noon

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

THE ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK, Fort Walton Beach
WAYNE HALL, 6 p.m.

THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 8 a.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
BLUE LEW, 6-9 p.m.

SUNSET BAY CAFE, Miramar Beach
AL ALVARADO, 5 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

AJ'S, Destin
ALEXA BURROUGHS, Noon-3:30 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 4-8 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
JAMAH TERRY, 5-9 p.m.

BAMBOO WILLIE'S, Gulf Breeze
PARKER HOUSTON PROJECT, 7 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin
CONTINUUM, 3 p.m.

BROTULA'S, Destin
MOSE WILSON AND THE DELTA TWANG, 11:30 a.m.
Put a little Delta Twang in your Sunday brunch.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
BOB CUSHING, 5-9 p.m.

COMMUNITY MARITIME PARK, Pensacola
THE TRUTH FEATURING CAT RHODES, 6 p.m.
Blues on the Bay Summer Concert Series

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village, CrabIslandCantina.com
BT TURNER, 1 p.m.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 a.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
MATT McCARTY's Jazz Jam, 7-10 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 3-6 p.m.

GULF PLACE, Santa Rosa Beach
LUKE LANGFORD & 331 SOUTH, 5-8 p.m.

HARRY T'S, HarborWalk Village
KYLE LaMONICA, 4 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
ROBOTS WITH RAYGUNS, 5 p.m.

THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
THE SPRINGS, 7 p.m.

JUANA'S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach
COCONUT RADIO, 3 p.m.

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m.
Sunday Funday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
BOUKOU GROOVE, 1 p.m.
CADILLAC ATTACK, 6 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin
HOPE GIVEN, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 2-5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

SMOKIN' OASIS, Navarre Beach
DIKI ROSS, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
BILL GARRETT, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach
BILL GARRETT – "SMILIN'" FRITZ FROESCHNER, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
FRANK IERO AND THE PATIENCE, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
KEVIN CARSON, 3-5 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
MOSE WILSON AND THE DELTA TWANG, 8 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
FULL MONTY, 7 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JASON FINDLEY, 6-10 p.m.

KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 7-11 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
SUGARCANE JANE, 6 p.m.

POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach
DIKI ROSS, 6 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
JOHN HOORMANN, 6-9 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

AJ'S, Destin
LEX AND THE LUTHORS, 7 p.m.

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 6-9 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
BLAKE BROCK, 5-9 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 p.m.

CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Open Mic Night with MIKE INGRAM, 8 p.m.

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
VILLAGE BRASS BAND, 7 p.m.
Fat Tuesday

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
BOUKOU GROOVE, 7 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
SUGARCANE JANE, 6 p.m.

THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin
LUKE LANGFORD, 5-7 p.m.
Pop & Shop Concerts

POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
BO ADAMS, 6-9 p.m.
Taco Tuesday

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com
STEVIE HALL, 7-10 p.m.
Baytowne Live

Live Music

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 5-9 p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
THREE BEAN SOUP, 5-9 p.m.
Stick around for fireworks at 9 p.m. sharp.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CONTINUUM, 8 p.m.

HELEN BACK, Okaloosa Island
DJ/VJ DOC ROC, 9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.'

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.

THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic Hosted by CHRISTIAN MAYES

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SEASIDE AMPHITHEATER, Santa Rosa Beach
SAM LEWIS, 7 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
NEIL SEBREE, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7;-8 p.m.

VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com
DONNIE SUNDAL, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday Night Concert Series

WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

PET OF THE ISSUE
Chip

Submitted by Samantha Lambert

"We adopted Chip from the Virginia Beach SPCA in December 2011," says Lambert. "We had put down our beloved Black Lab mix Chippi four months before due to cancer. I saw Chip at a pet store opening and asked his name. When the SPCA volunteer said Chip, I almost fainted. It was a sign from Chippi that we needed to take care of this dog."

Chip Lambert attempts to camouflage himself.

The family vet thinks Chip is a mix of Chesapeake Bay Retriever and Lab. He loves laying outside in the Florida sun and likes to play with his cat brothers Mirlo and Buddy.

When Lambert first met Chip, the SPCA estimated the dog was about three and only weighed 69 pounds. "He would not bark and was very apprehensive around males. Needless to say, he has become a beloved member of our family and weighs 95 pounds now, barks, and is such a friendly guy."

Latin Salsa Festival Commemorates 10 Years

By Kimberly White

Jose Garcia first conceived of the idea to host a Hispanic-themed event in the mid-1980s while listening to Latin-influenced music at the old Thunderbird Club on Okaloosa Island.

"I remember Miami Sound Machine being very popular at the time, so every time they and similar-sounding music came on, people would go wild," says Garcia, a native of Puerto Rico who first came to the area in 1981 when he was stationed as an airman at Hurlburt Field.

Few Latinos lived in the area at the time, but as the decades progressed and that population grew, so did his ambitions and longing for the food and culture he'd left behind. It was a sentiment he heard from many other Hispanics, who didn't necessarily want to return to their countries of origin but missed the familiar sights, sounds and smells of home.

What started out in 2008 as a beach barbecue at a pavilion on Eglin Beach Park has since evolved into the annual, all-day Latin Salsa Festival. The event, aimed at promoting and sharing Hispanic culture and heritage, now draws an average of about 3,000 each year.

Celebrating its tenth anniversary this year, the free event will be held 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, **June 17,** at the Landing in Fort Walton Beach. Numerous activities will be held throughout the day for people of all ages, including a dominoes tournament, dancing and raffles.

Live music will be provided by Michael Aldahondo (Pensacola), Conjunto Gúajiba con Sharina (Massachusetts), Latin Soul Orchestra (Tallahassee), Luis Manuel "La Lena" (Orlando), La Morenita Del Swing (Puerto Rico) and Taller De Bomba Balancé (Orlando).

Between 25 and 30 vendors will have booths set up, with some handing out information and selling souvenirs and others offering up a variety of Caribbean-style food.

The event is hosted each year by the Northwest Florida Boricuas Ausentes ("Puerto Ricans Absent from Puerto Rico"), which Garcia founded in 2009 specifically to host the festival. "This is the first year that we have had quite a bit of corporate support," he says.

In addition to providing Latin-style food and fun, the festival donates a portion of the day's proceeds to AMIkids. The national nonprofit provides services to at-risk youth across the country with a particular focus on southeastern states. Fort Walton Beach, Pensacola and Panama City all have local chapters.

Garcia estimates only about $500-1,000 has been donated to date, but hopes to increase that amount as the festival gains more momentum and sponsorships. The first event held in 2008 drew an unexpectedly large crowd—about 500, he estimates—but he's expecting "well over 3,000" to attend this year's festival.

For more information or to become a sponsor, call 850-240-4417 or email **FWBoricuas@yahoo.com**.

June 15
Tyler Kinchen
& the Right Pieces
Energetic Style
of R&B and Funk

June 22
Triggerproof
Pop, Rock and Hip-Hop, Top 40 to
Dance that recreates both popular
and classic radio friendly hits

June 29
Walter Wolfman Washington
Rhythm and blues,
New Orleans funk and
modern jazz

Pack a picnic, wine, chair or purchase dinner prepared on site.

$15 Adults
Free Children (12 & Under)
Free MKAF Members - Join Today!

Purchase tickets at the event. Gate opens at 6 p.m.
Concert proceeds benefit MKAF Community Outreach Programs

Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village • 4323 Commons Drive West, Destin

MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org

Founders Day Celebrates Fort Walton Beach History

By Samantha Lambert

Photo courtesy of Arturo Studio.

It's summertime in Camp Walton (now Fort Walton Beach), 1913. The sun is shining, a piano player is playing Scott Joplin's "The Entertainer" on the wraparound porch, and many guests staying at the Gulfview Hotel are swimming in the sound behind the hotel.

Other guests are strolling on the lawn behind the hotel and enjoying the warm Florida weather. People come from all over the country by land and water to stay at the Gulfview Hotel. Often, the rooms are full and tents have to be pitched around the hotel for guests.

Originally built in 1906 as a hunting and fishing lodge, the building was converted to the Gulfview Hotel in 1913 and hosted guests there until 1986. That year, the Junior League of the Emerald Coast began raising funds to preserve and restore the building. Located at 12 Miracle Strip Parkway, the two-story structure was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1992.

Cissy Wyninegar—along with grandparents Theo and Molly (Gerlach) Staff and her aunt, uncle and sisters—owned and operated the hotel at various times over the years, then donated the hotel to the Junior League and deeded the land to First City Bank.

In December 2016, Tom and Nicole Rothrauff, the latter Wyninegar's daughter, bought the building and site from First City Bank. In January of this year, the Fort Walton Beach City Council approved accepting the donation of the Gulfview Hotel from the Rothrauff and the Wyninegar families.

The city plans to move the Gulfview to a new location at the intersection of Highway 98 and Eglin Parkway. "We plan to convert the building into a visitor center that will continue to welcome visitors to Fort Walton Beach," says **Ted Corcoran,** president and CEO of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce.

On Sunday, **June 25, Tom and Peggy Rice** of the Magnolia Grill will host the Founders Day Fundraising Reception to save the historic Gulfview Hotel. "Peg and I were fortunate to have our rehearsal luncheon over 35 years ago on this property," says Tom.

"Her great-grandfather, Dr. J.H. Beal, lived next door on what are now the vacant lots at the end of Beal Parkway. We spent a great deal of our lives at these sites and across Main Street at Peg's dad's Starkey Hotel Court. Those times are golden to us. We know what it takes to save old buildings and are so pleased to assist with this saving and reutilization of a part of the community's history."

At the Founders Day reception, the Rices will display treasured correspondence from the 1920s between Gulfview Hotel owner Theo Staff and Dr. Beal discussing the purchase and operational details of the electrification and water well use of their Camp Walton properties. "There will also be historical and rarely seen items from the eras of Camp Walton, Fort Walton and Fort Walton Beach on display," says Tom.

Besides the Beal and Staff families, other early Fort Walton Beach families including the Gerlachs and Brookses will be celebrated at the event. There will also be a silent auction that will benefit the Bob Hope Air Force Enlisted Village in Shalimar.

The Founders Day Reception takes place from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Magnolia Grill, located at 157 Brooks Street in downtown Fort Walton Beach. For a minimum $25 donation toward helping relocate the Gulfview Hotel, guests will be treated to wine and food.

Tickets are available at the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Magnolia Grill, and at the door. You can donate online at **www.fwbchamber.org/gulfview.**

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Northwest Florida Chapter, have donated 11 designated books to the Destin Library to enhance the library's revolutionary history collection with an emphasis on the role of women during the American Revolution. From left—Daquiri Champion, Kay Dean Ham, Flo Perk, Carol Huval Saucier and Sharron Miller. Photo submitted by Will Rogers.

Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your June 29-July 11 events by 5 p.m. Thursday, **June 22,** *or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email* **chris@beachcomberdestin.com**.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

LIP SYNC BATTLES
Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 10 p.m.-Midnight
ALsBeachClub.com
Put on your cutest dress or favorite pair of shredded jeans and own the stage.

MAGICAL THURSDAY
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7 and 8 p.m.
BaytowneWharf.com
Join the ubiquitous pirate **Captain Davy** for two adventures on stage.

PLANETARIUM NIGHTS
Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach, 5, 6 and 7 p.m.
An evening of cosmic excitement and adventure.

RED, WHITE & BLUE CELEBRATION
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 7-9:15 p.m.
EmeraldGrande.com
A salute to a local hero, plus presentation of the colors, WII vintage air show, entertainment from **The Village Belles,** fireworks at 9, and fire spinning from **Just Add Fire.**

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET
Grand Park, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
GrandBoulevard.com
Dozens of unique vendors offer mostly locally-sourced food-based items. Specialty soaps and lotions are also for sale.

LATIN SALSA FESTIVAL
Fort Walton Beach Landing, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
www.BoricuasAusentes.org
Live entertainment, exquisite food, fun games, children's activities and more. FREE admission. More in this section's feature article.

PANHANDLE UNITED ROLLER DERBY
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 6-9 p.m.
www.panhandleunitedrollerderby.com
Our beloved **Beach Brawl Sk8r Dolls** take on **J. Villains.** Tickets are $10 in advance, $12 at the door. Military and first responder tickets are $8, and kids ages 10 and under get in FREE.

PENSACOLA BEACH RUM FESTIVAL 2017
Sandshaker Lounge, Pensacola Beach, 2-10 p.m.
PensacolaBeachRumFest.com
Sample over 50 rums and enjoy food vendors, live music and more.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

INDUSTRY NIGHT
Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 10 p.m.-Midnight
ALsBeachClub.com
Specials on Bud Light, plus $3 fireballs.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SUMMER READING PROGRAM
Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10-11 a.m.
YouSeeMore.com/Walton
The theme this summer is "Build a Better World," and this week's topic is "Build a Better Car," featuring our deputy sheriff, fingerprinting, caricatures and more. Call 850-267-2809 for more info.

EMERALD COAST RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM WRAP UP PARTY
Buck Destin Park, Destin, 6-8 p.m.
Team captains, team members, survivors, caregivers, sponsors, volunteers, family and friends are all invited.

HYDROFLIGHT MONDAY
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.
BaytowneWharf.com
Fly-board king **Ben Merrell** soars over the Baytowne lagoon and makes waves.

TACKY TOURIST WINE TASTING
Twisted Grape Cafe & Wine Bar, Shalimar, 6-8 p.m.
Put on your Hawaiian shirts, sandals and knee socks and taste five wines and champagne. Cost is $7. Door prizes, plus $1 off your first full glass of featured wine.

Jazz

WUWF's nightly *Jazz* programming features a variety of styles, from the timeless sound of Count Basie and Duke Ellington to a variety of modern sounds, including a healthy dose of new releases. From the WUWF record library, Wednesday and Thursday nights Jazz with host Dale Riegle features classic and modern recordings from CD, vinyl and live performance recordings.

Weeknights 9 PM
on WUWF 88.1 FM or wuwf.org.

Weekends 8-10 PM
enjoy Big Bands & Jazz

Learn more and find the full list of WUWF programs at **wuwf.org/programs.**

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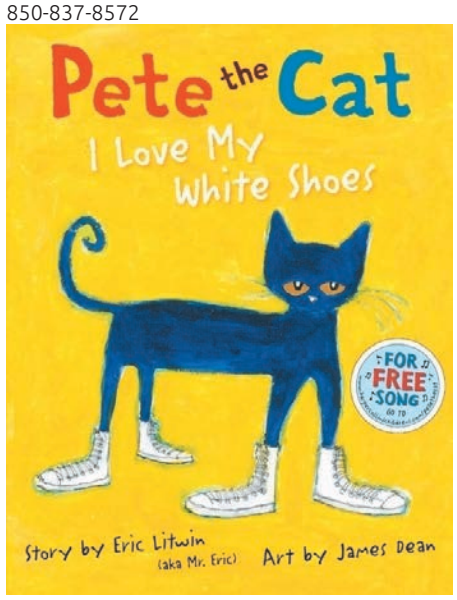
TUESDAY, JUNE 20

BOOMIN' TUESDAY
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7-9:30 p.m.
BaytowneWharf.com
Lawn games and inflatables in the Events Plaza, followed by a breathtaking fireworks show at 9:15.

FAT TUESDAY PARADE
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 7-10 p.m.
EmeraldGrande.com
The Destin Harbor transforms into the Big Easy, with dazzling floats, colorful costumes and street performers. Live music from the **Village Brass Band** at 7 p.m. on the main stage, and fire spinning by **Just Add Fire** following the parade.

GAME NIGHT
Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 10 p.m.-Midnight
ALsBeachClub.com
Giant beer pong, hula hooping, corn holing, limbo and more.

PETE THE CAT EXTRAVAGANZA
Destin Library, 3:30 p.m.
850-837-8572



The library celebrates James Dean and Eric Litwin's iconic children's book character with reading, singing, dancing, crafts and other activities. Limited to 10 children, grades 1 through 3—call the number above to preregister.

SUNSET CAMP
Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park, Okaloosa Island, 4 p.m.
Gulfarium.com
Enjoy an evening out while the kids have an unforgettable experience with dolphin dockside encounters, ocean-themed activities, scavenger hunt and dinner at Seal Harbor.

TEEN NIGHT
Fudpucker's, Okaloosa Island, 9 p.m.-Midnight
Fudpucker.com
For ages 14-17. Cost is $15 per person, and VIP tickets are available.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIREWORKS
The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 9 p.m.
TheBoardwalkOI.com
Celebrate summer, and enter to win a three-day, two-night stay with ResortQuest Gulf Coast.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21-SUNDAY, JUNE 25

EMERALD COAST BLUE MARLIN CLASSIC
Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Miramar beach
www.fishecbc.com
Presented by Wind Creek Casino & Hotel, the 15th annual fishing event should be one for the record books.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

LIP SYNC BATTLES
Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 10 p.m.-Midnight
ALsBeachClub.com
Put on your cutest dress or favorite pair of shredded jeans and own the stage.

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Gulfarium.com
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TEEN NIGHT
Fudpucker's, Destin, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
Fudpucker.com
For ages 14-17. Cost is $15 per person, and VIP tickets are available.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

KIDS' FISHING TOURNAMENT
Baytowne Marina, Sandestin
www.fishecbc.com
Format is catch and release. Volunteers will weigh entries on digital scales before turning fish loose. Details and online registration forms at the address above.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

DOWNTOWN FORT WALTON BEACH FARMERS MARKET
Fort Walton Beach Landing, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Farmers, artisan food vendors and crafters offer an array of locally grown and handmade items. You never know what you'll find here.

EIGHTH ANNUAL BLUEBERRY BASH
The Arc of the Emerald Coast – Santa Rosa, Milton, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Blueberry picking, arts and crafts, children's activities, 5K run, "Show and Shine" car show, and more. For more info, email **clutzarc@gmail.com.**

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET
Grand Park, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
GrandBoulevard.com

Dozens of unique vendors offer mostly locally-sourced food-based items. Specialty soaps and lotions are also for sale.

SECOND ANNUAL WAYSIDE REUNION
KC's Sandbar, Fort Walton Beach, 5-8 p.m.
Live music, prizes and more. Bring your old photos to share.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

FOUNDERS DAY RECEPTION
Magnolia Grill, Fort Walton Beach, 2-5 p.m.
Benefits the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce's efforts to save the historic Gulfview Hotel. More in this section's feature article.

INDUSTRY NIGHT
Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 10 p.m.-Midnight
ALsBeachClub.com
Specials on Bud Light, plus $3 fireballs.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SUMMER READING PROGRAM
Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10-11 a.m.
YouSeeMore.com/Walton
The theme this summer is "Build a Better World," and this week, it's all about the bubbles. Call 850-267-2809 for more info.

HYDROFLIGHT MONDAY
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.
BaytowneWharf.com
Fly-board king **Ben Merrell** soars over the Baytowne lagoon and makes waves.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

BOOMIN' TUESDAY
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7-9:30 p.m.
BaytowneWharf.com
Lawn games and inflatables in the Events Plaza, followed by a breathtaking fireworks show at 9:15.

CAPT. PICKLE READS HIS FAVORITE STORIES
Destin Library, 3:30 p.m.
850-837-8572

The library welcomes storyteller **Dill Beaty,** whose favorite authors include Margaret Wise Brown, Eric Carle and Maurice Sendak. Limited to 10 children, grades 1-3. Preregister by calling the number above.

FAT TUESDAY PARADE
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 7-10 p.m.
EmeraldGrande.com
The Destin Harbor transforms into the Big Easy, with dazzling floats, colorful costumes and street performers. Live music from the **Village Brass Band** at 7 p.m. on the main stage, and fire spinning by **Just Add Fire** following the parade.

GAME NIGHT
Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 10 p.m.-Midnight
ALsBeachClub.com
Giant beer pong, hula hooping, corn holing, limbo and more.

SUNSET CAMP
Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park, Okaloosa Island, 4 p.m.
Gulfarium.com
Enjoy an evening out while the kids have an unforgettable experience with dolphin dockside encounters, ocean-themed activities, scavenger hunt and dinner at Seal Harbor.

TEEN NIGHT
Fudpucker's, Okaloosa Island, 9 p.m.-Midnight
Fudpucker.com
For ages 14-17. Cost is $15 per person, and VIP tickets are available.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIREWORKS
The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 9 p.m.
TheBoardwalkOI.com
Celebrate summer, and enter to win a three-day, two-night stay with ResortQuest Gulf Coast.

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LIFE CENTER Sunday services—beach service at Henderson State Park, Destin, 7:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); beach service at the Crab Trap, Scenic 98, 7:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); summer service at Destin Life Center, 200 Beach Drive, Destin, 10 a.m. (combined traditions and Xalt); sunset beach service at Henderson State Park, 6:30 p.m. (bring your own chair). 850-837-2021.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sundays 8 a.m. worship, 9:15 bible study, 10:30 worship, 4325 Commons Drive, 850-654-1679.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email **pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.**

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m. or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. year round. Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. **www.saintritaparish.org.**

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 a.m. Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational modern Sunday service at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at AMC Motion Pictures in Destin Commons, and Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at Uptown Station Campus, Fort Walton Beach. 850-650-8658 or **www.shorelinechurch.net.**

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 a.m. Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday service at 10 a.m. 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.

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ANTIQUES

DE FRANCE ANTIQUES & FLEA MKT. with over 80+ vendors, lots of unique items to choose from. 230 S.E. Eglin Pkwy. 850-314-7500.

SMITH'S ANTIQUES MALL & INTERIORS MARKET 25,000 sq. ft. and 94 vetted dealers have made Smith's the favorite with decorators, locals and tourists for over 20 years. Voted Best of the Emerald Coast for 14 consecutive years, Finest on the Emerald Coast, and Best in Destin… need we say more? Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 12500 Emerald Coast Parkway, Miramar Beach (near Silver Sands). 850-654-1484. **www.smithsantiquesmall.com.**

BOOKSTORES

READ IT AGAIN Used and rare books. Browse inventory and shop online at **www.readitagain1.com** or just come see us at 703 John Sims Parkway in Niceville, just one block west of Niceville High School. Hours of operation are Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. We have a little bit of everything—popular reads, new releases, fiction, nonfiction, fantasy and science fiction, mystery and suspense, romance, history, military and so much more. 850-279-4646.

EDUCATIONAL

EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. **www.ecscience.org.**

FARMERS' MARKETS

30A FARMERS' MARKETS Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS' MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **30A FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

GOLF

REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest's* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8080. **www.regattabay.com.**

SANTA ROSA GOLF & BEACH CLUB Referred to as the "Purest golf in the Florida Panhandle" by *Golf* Magazine, this 18-hole, par 72 course offers five sets of tees and a challenge for every skill level of handicap. Situated on 80 pristine acres in the heart of Santa Rosa Beach, this course has a unique character only found around the Highway 30A corridor. Holes three through five wind around a complex of dunes, all within a few hundred yards of the Gulf of Mexico. Dining, driving range, putting green and club rentals available. 334 Golf Club Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2229. **www.santarosaclub.com.**

MARINE PARKS/ AQUARIUMS

GULFARIUM MARINE ADVENTURE PARK Delight in watching dolphins leap and sea lions play during spectacular shows! Or participate and interact directly with these and other remarkable marine animals including stingrays, seals and penguins during interactive programming (advance reservations required). Enjoy educational exhibits and beautiful Gulf views. Open daily at 9 a.m. 1010 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-243-9046. **www.gulfarium.com.**

MUSEUMS

DESTIN HISTORY & FISHING MUSEUM Open year round, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for holiday hours of operation. Admission is $5 for adults, $4 for seniors and military and $3 for children. 108 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, 850-837-6611.

INDIAN TEMPLE MOUND MUSEUM Artifacts and displays showing the rich Indian history of this area. 139 Hwy. 98SE, FWB, 850-833-9595.

MUSIC STORES

LEITZ MUSIC Guitars, bass, drums and keyboards, plus recording, DJ and PA equipment. Sales, repairs and lessons. Gibson, Fender, PRS, Taylor, Martin, Ibanez and more. Open Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sundays noon-5 p.m. Located in Uptown Station, Fort Walton Beach, 850-863-1099. www.facebook.com/LeitzMusicFWB.

PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 a.m. with the last tour at 3 p.m. The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A , Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

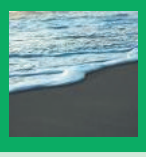
LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARIER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe's.

TOPSAIL HILL STATE PRESERVE Two major freshwater coastal dune lakes are located within the 1,600-acre preserve. Campground entrance and day use entrance are located on West Scenic Highway 30-A, 1/4 mile south of U.S. 98. 850-267-0299. **www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill.**

DESTIN EAST PASS TIDE AND SUNSET CHART



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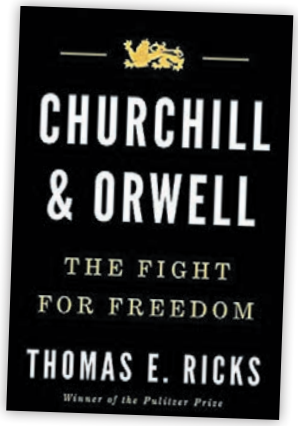
Recommended Reading

Thomas E. Ricks

Churchill and Orwell: The Fight for Freedom
Penguin Press



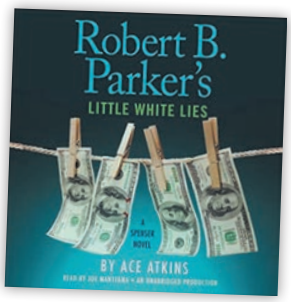
Two more disparate personalities there hardly could have been, but as author Ricks observes, Winston Churchill and George Orwell followed curiously parallel paths. Orwell's romantic view of communism and Churchill's idealized British imperium were both doomed to shatter, and Ricks makes a number of intriguing connections along the way. Orwell drew dark inspiration from events of the 20th century (which Churchill greatly influenced) to create *Animal Farm* (the Russian Revolution and the purge of Trotskyism) and *1984* (the 1943 Tehran Conference and Stalinist USSR). Churchill reportedly read *1984* twice. The book's hero—Winston Smith—was certainly not named at random.

- Bruce Collier

AUDIO PICKS FOR YOUR ENDLESS SUMMER COMMUTE

Ace Atkins

Robert B. Parker's Little White Lies
Narrated by Joe Mantegna



A real treat for Spenser fans, one of the best in the series since Atkins took over for the late great Parker. The Boston P.I.'s sidekick Hawk gets a lot of action in this installment, always a guarantee for success. Mantegna's performance is, as always, spot on, and these novels always give me at least a half-dozen ideas for my next trip to the wine and spirits store.

Jeffrey Tambor

Are You Anybody?
Narrated by the Author

A masterful memoir that finds the right balance between heartbreak and triumph, and if you're even a little interested in Tambor's story (or, for that matter, acting), the audiobook is the only way to go. The Emmy-award winning actor has been at it for 50-plus years, but he reached late-career heights on three of the finest TV shows of my lifetime—*The Larry Sanders Show, Arrested Development* and *Transparent.* And now Tambor can add a fourth great performance to his credits.

- Chris Manson

UPCOMING BOOKS

JUNE 20

Janet Evanovich, *Dangerous Minds: A Knight and Moon Novel*

Dean Koontz, *The Silent Corner*

Mary Alice Monroe, *Beach House for Rent*

Markos Moulitas & Michael Huttner, *The Resistance Handbook: 45 Ways to Fight Trump*

Douglas Murray, *The Strange Death of Europe: Immigration, Identity, Islam*

Bill O'Reilly, *The Day the World Went Nuclear: Dropping the Atom Bomb and the End of World War II in the Pacific*

Don Winslow, *The Force*

JUNE 27

Diana Gabaldon, *Seven Stones to Stand or Fall*

Kelly LeVeque, *Body Love: Live in Balance, Weigh What You Want, and Free Yourself from Food Drama*

Mark R. Levin, *Rediscovering Americanism and the Tyranny of Progressivism*

James Patterson & Howard Roughan, *Murder Games*

Spencer Quinn, *The Right Side*

Danielle Steele, *The Duchess*

Brad Thor, *Use of Force (Scot Harvath Series)*

Sources: www.amazon.com

The Dogs of War — "Megan Leavey"

By Kimberly White

"They aren't pets. They aren't even dogs anymore. They're warriors," Gunny Martin (Common) warns Megan (Kate Mara) in *Megan Leavey.*

I'd anticipated this movie for months, and attended the first showing at Destin Commons the day it was released to almost universal acclaim. The movie depicts the bond created between a Marine and her war dog, Rex, as they scour dry, dusty roads and buildings searching for IEDs.

War dogs have a long and storied history with the U.S. military, which has used them to deliver supplies and messages to troops, locate wounded soldiers and detect bombs since World War I. Rex is the embodiment of their fierce courage and loyalty to their handlers—it's especially evident in the scene where he jumps out of a moving vehicle to come to Leavey's aid after a bomb literally blows her out and onto the roadside.

Leavey was finally able to adopt Rex in 2012, and he lived for eight more months enjoying the comforts of civilian life before passing away in December of that year. But had she not been so persistent—gathering signatures and enlisting the help of New York Senator Chuck Schumer—Rex would have been euthanized.

That was the fate of all war dogs upon their retirement until just about 20 years ago. In late 2000, President Bill Clinton signed a bill that allows the dogs to be adopted by law-enforcement agencies, military handlers and the public.

That's a big improvement from the Vietnam era. When U.S. troops began pulling out, the four-legged heroes who had served so faithfully by their sides were euthanized, abandoned or turned over to the South Vietnamese army (which largely viewed dogs as a food source).

Military officials balked at the costs of flying them home, then housing and caring for them. But more importantly, none of the dogs were considered adoptable because they were seen as too aggressive and not able to be deprogrammed out of their wartime mentality. Ron Aiello, a Vietnam veteran and president of the New Jersey-based U.S. War Dogs Association, estimates

that only 200 of the roughly 5,000 war dogs who served there returned home.

I was also gratified to hear Rex referred to throughout the movie as "Sergeant Rex," a step up from his corporal counterpart.

Europe has centuries of experience breeding these types of dogs, so most U.S. war dogs are acquired from there, then trained at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. By their first deployment, the Pentagon has invested tens of thousands of dollars into each canine (although to this day, military working dogs are still considered "obsolete equipment" once they retire).

Lackland officials deny the dogs are given ranks. But our German shepherd was trained by a former handler (who also deployed to Iraq with his "sniffer"), and he told me war dogs are always given higher ranks than their handlers. Maybe that's unofficial, but either way, it's designed to head off any instances of abuse.

After all, as Lisa Rogak wrote in her 2011 book, *The Dogs of War: The Courage, Love and Loyalty of Military Working Dogs:* "If a human soldier were to physically or mentally abuse a superior in some fashion, it would be grounds for a court-martial."

"It's like hitting a higher rank, and that's not allowed," a handler explains.

So to General Rex and Corporal Leavey, thank you for your service and for helping to save countless lives. And a special thanks to Corporal Leavey for your dogged efforts to adopt your fellow warrior, and allowing him to live out his final months in the relative comforts of the civilian world.

LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

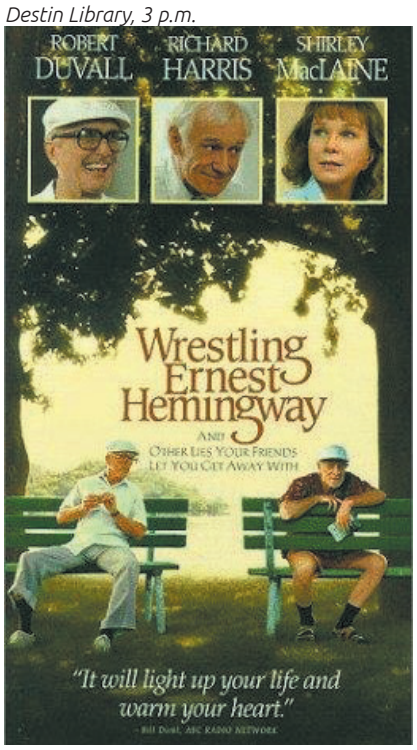
"ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY"
Uptown Station, Fort Walton Beach, 7:30 p.m. (or Dark, Whichever Comes First)
UptownStation.com
Grab your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a FREE outdoor presentation of Episode 3.5 (?). The Force is strong in this one.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

"BFG"
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 8 p.m.
BaytowneWharf.com
FREE screening of Steven Spielberg's most recent attempt at a Family Classic.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

"WRESTLING ERNEST HEMINGWAY"
Destin Library, 3 p.m.



Randa Haines' drama stars Robert Duvall and James Earl Jones. Presented by the Friends Guild of the Destin Library, Inc. FREE with limited seating—first-come, first-served.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

"THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE"
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 8 p.m.
BaytowneWharf.com
FREE screening of the acclaimed literary adaptation on the Events Plaza lawn.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

"THE DOLPHIN: STORY OF A DREAMER"
Camp Helen State Park, Panama City Beach, 5:30 p.m.
Movies & More in the park's recreation hall, with a brief interpretive program led by a Camp Helen park ranger or other authority. The program is followed by an old-fashioned campfire cookout (hot dogs and s'mores!). Parent or guardian must accompany all children. Call 850-233-5059 or email **CampHelenFriends@gmail.com** for more info.

Movies

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

JUNE 16

All Eyez on Me. Legendary rapper Tupac Shakur was a superb film actor in his own right, and we can only speculate as to what heights he would have achieved on the screen had he lived. Let's hope this biopic does the great man justice.

Cars 3. The latest entry in the Disney-Pixar cash cow franchise.

Maudie. Sally Hawkins, Ethan Hawke.

Rough Night. Scarlett Johansson, Kate McKinnon.

SCORE: A Film Music Documentary. Danny Elfman, Hans Zimmer.

JUNE 21

Transformers: The Last Knight. Mark Wahlberg and…*Anthony Hopkins?!?* My, how the mighty have fallen.

JUNE 23

The Bad Batch. Suki Waterhouse, Jason Momoa.

The Beguiled. Sofia Coppola's remake of the Don Siegel-Clint Eastwood sorta-classic stars Colin Farrell and Nicole Kidman.

The Big Sick. Kumail Nanjamni, Zoe Kazan.

Good Fortune. John Paul DeJoria, Dan Aykroyd.

Ripped. Russell Peters, Faizon Love.

UPCOMING DVD/ BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

JUNE 20

Car Wash. The '70s comedy classic (with Richard Pryor, George Carlin, et al.) makes its Blu-ray debut with commentary by director Michael Schultz and a pair of new featurettes.

JUNE 27

The Autopsy of Jane Doe. Brian Cox, Emile Hirsch.

The Pink Panther Film Collection Starring Peter Sellers. Five classics on Blu-ray, plus the God-awful *Trail of the Pink Panther,* hastily assembled and released theatrically on the heels of Sellers' death. Each disc contains tons of bonus features.

Trespass. One of the more memorable films of the pre-*Pulp Fiction* '90s in an attractive Blu-ray package from Shout! Factory. Directed by Walter Hill and starring Bill Paxton (R.I.P.), William Sadler, Ice-T *and* Ice Cube. Speaking of Ice-T, we hope the good folks at SF get around to remastering *Ricochet* in the near future.

Source: www.rottentomatoes.com

STREAM ON

20th Century Women
Amazon

Writer-director Mike Mills' Ocar-nominated film tells a tender and lively story partially based on Mills' own childhood. Taking place in 1979 Santa Barbara, this is the story of 15-year-old Jamie and his upbringing by his mom Dorothea (Annette Bening), as well as the two tenants in their house and Jamie's best friend Julie (Elle Fanning). These characters overflow with light and love as they explore togetherness, motherhood, sex, illness and freedom. It's a rare coming of age story that considers Jamie's life through the complicated, bright lives and spirits of the women who raise him.

- Jane Morgan

War Machine
Netflix

After much hype and anticipation, Brad Pitt's latest movie was finally released in the Afghanistan conflict to his abrupt resignation after giving a candid interview to *Rolling Stone.* This isn't exactly 100 percent fiction. The story, though reportedly embellished and changed, is said to be based on the very real (and interesting) life of four-star General Stanley McChrystal. Produced by Pitt's Plan B to the tune of some $60 million—big bucks in the streaming world—the locations, sets, casting and acting are all top notch, with the ever-appealing Pitt in the lead. Insightful, entertaining, thoughtful and with more than a little comic relief, this is truly must see TV.

- Joni Williams

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Funny, You Don't Look Shrewish...

By Nikki Hedrick

Emerald Coast Theatre Company and Grand Boulevard present an abridged version of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew* for all ages.

Every Thursday starting at 7 p.m., Abrakadoodle helps kids create Elizabethan collars and other crafts connected to the Shakespearean time period, as parents set up chairs and blankets along the green.

As the sun goes down, the lights go up and the play begins, with Punch and Judy puppets helping the younger set ease into the idea of a Shakespeare play with the help of slapstick comedy.

While the complete play often has a cast of over two dozen, this version features actors Dylan Garafalo, Rebeca Lake, Caroline Brady, Garrett Poladian and Zachary Dietz. Through the use of classically styled theater masks, costumes, and puppets, the actors portray multiple characters.

The young members of the audience followed along just fine when Poladian played dual characters in the same scene—two suitors fighting for Bianca's affections.

With the Shakespearean language intact, it might be hard for some younger ears to tune in, but the majority of the attendees seemed swept up in the drama, laughs and costumes. This take on the play is smart in its use of big drama and fast-paced exchanges. A few of the most famous monologues remain, but entire minor characters have been axed for the sake of simplicity and time constraints.

For adults, *Shrew* becomes a more interesting time capsule when viewed with modern eyes. As Kate the "Shrew," Brady arguably has the role that will be the most scrutinized. On the off chance you'd be upset by a spoiler for a play that is over 400 years old, I will say that Brady handles this tough role with class.

Whatever your take on the play—mine is, it's simply about lies, deception and the meaning of identity—*The Taming of the Shrew* is a fantastic conversation piece from the Bard. I'd especially recommend preteen girls see it, chiefly for its portrayal of Kate and the actions of her suitor Petruccio, as played by Garafalo. Keeping the mood light, Garafalo's Petruccio seems more like a trickster than a tyrant.

The Taming of the Shrew, directed by Allen McCoy, runs every Thursday night through Aug. 3 at Grand Boulevard at Sandestin. Admission is FREE. The play is staged on the Grand Lawn, or upstairs in building 560 should weather interfere. Showtime is at 8 p.m. on the green or the upstairs of building 560 should weather interfere.

Stage > Upcoming Shows

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

ACT4MURDER'S "A MEDLEY FOR MURDER"
La Paz, Destin, 7 p.m.
Act4Murder.com
Paula Hilton and her award-winning cast bring you their newest show, inspired by the hit TV show *The Voice*. Cost is $34.95 per person and includes dinner and show. VIP packages available.

AWKWARD OXEN IMPROV HOUR
Fonville Press, Alys Beach, 10 a.m.
LoveTheREP.com
FREE all ages show.

AWKWARD OXEN LATE NITE IMPROV COMEDY
The REP Theatre, Seaside, 10 p.m.
LoveTheREP.com
For ages 13 and up. Tickets are $10 each or two for $15.

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "TAMING OF THE SHREW"
Grand Park, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 8 p.m.
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
FREE performance of the Shakespearean classic with a comic bent. See this section's review for more info.

ILLUSIONIST JEANETTE ANDREWS
The REP Theatre, Seaside, 2 and 6 p.m.
LoveTheREP.com
Tickets are $25 for adults, $15 for students ages 10 and up.

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"
Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 9:30 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

STORIES BY THE SEA
Solomon Square, Seaside, 4 p.m.
LoveTheREP.com
FREE all ages show.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

MAGIC WORKSHOP WITH JEANETTE ANDREWS
The REP Theatre, Seaside, 2 p.m. (Ages 5-7) and 3 p.m. (Ages 8-14)
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SATURDAY, JUNE 17

ACT4MURDER'S "DECKED OUT FOR DEATH"
Samuel's Roadhouse, Crestview, 6 p.m.
Act4Murder.com
Paula Hilton and her award-winning cast take you on a swinging singles cruise packed with colorful (and shady) characters. Cost is $38 per person and includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity. VIP packages available.

KADAN BART ROCKETT & BROOKLYN
Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 7:30 p.m.
DestinMagic.com

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"
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TheSTOKEDShow.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

KADAN BART ROCKETT & BROOKLYN
Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 7:30 p.m.
DestinMagic.com

MONDAY, JUNE 19

ADVENTURES IN ALYS
Alys Beach, 10 a.m.
LoveTheREP.com
FREE show for all ages.

KADAN BART ROCKETT & BROOKLYN
Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 7:30 p.m.
DestinMagic.com

"PINOCCHIO"
Seaside Amphitheater, Santa Rosa Beach, 6:30 p.m.
LoveTheREP.com
FREE show for all ages.

PIRATE SHOW WITH CAPT. DAVY AND CREW
Al's Beach Club, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
ALsBeachClub.com
FREE for kiddies of all ages.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 20

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Solomon Square, Seaside, 4 p.m.
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Solomon Square, Seaside, 4 p.m.
LoveTheREP.com
FREE all ages show.

"THE TALES OF KING ARTHUR"
North Barrett Square, Rosemary Beach, 6:30
LoveTheREP.com
FREE show for all ages.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

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SATURDAY, JUNE 24

BALLET AT TWILIGHT
Grand Park, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 7:30 p.m.
GrandBoulevard.com
The Northwest Florida Ballet presents an evening of FREE classical ballet and contemporary dance featuring international guest artists.

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Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 7:30 p.m.
DestinMagic.com

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"
Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 9:30 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

KADAN BART ROCKETT & BROOKLYN
Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 7:30 p.m.
DestinMagic.com

MONDAY, JUNE 26

ADVENTURES IN ALYS
Alys Beach, 10 a.m.
LoveTheREP.com
FREE show for all ages.

KADAN BART ROCKETT & BROOKLYN
Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 7:30 p.m.
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TUESDAY, JUNE 27

AWKWARD OXEN LATE NITE IMPROV COMEDY
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Zen of the Freediver

By Wynn Parks
Photos Courtesy of Austin Powell – Benthic Ocean

Freediving has to be the silver-backed, granddaddy of extreme sports. This isn't snorkeling, or diving with scuba gear. In its most extreme "competitive" styles, freediving involves taking hold of an oblong chunk of lead and hanging on while it pulls you down a rope cable until the light turns blue-grey, then disappears—the object being to "out-deep" your competitors, *and* come back up to tell about it. It's pretty much taking your life into your own last breath.

Neither competitive nor sports freediving has changed much since ancient times. Freediving still means "voluntary apnea"—holding your breath.

In the Panhandle, **Mike Pooler's** Benthic Ocean Sports in Destin is the only brick-and-mortar outfit where freediving is taught, though Tallahassee freediver **Rob Pierce's** business, *Hypoxia Outfitters,* is poised to assemble an elite freediving group of professionals and amateurs alike (styled the "Forgotten Coast Freedivers").

"Okay, some of the most popular depth disciplines include Free Immersion, Constant Weight, Variable Weight, and No Limit," Pierce explains. "Also, you have the shallow water practices called pool disciplines."

Essentially, Free Immersion is pulling oneself down a cable-rope. According to the International Association for the Development of Apnea (AIDA), the women's record is 300.3 feet, while the men's is 409.2 feet.

Divers doing Constant Weight go up and down along the rope under their own power.

Variable Weighters ride lead sleds down a cable rope. The sinking is easy. What's tricky is how far to ride and still have enough O2 to come up under one's own power.

In his courses, Pooler doesn't teach below 132 feet, which precludes the Variable Weight event. "That kind of competition is the realm of a handful of divers—the hardcore boys," he says. "They go down over 400 feet, and conditions in the Gulf aren't really conducive to competitive freedive training anyway."

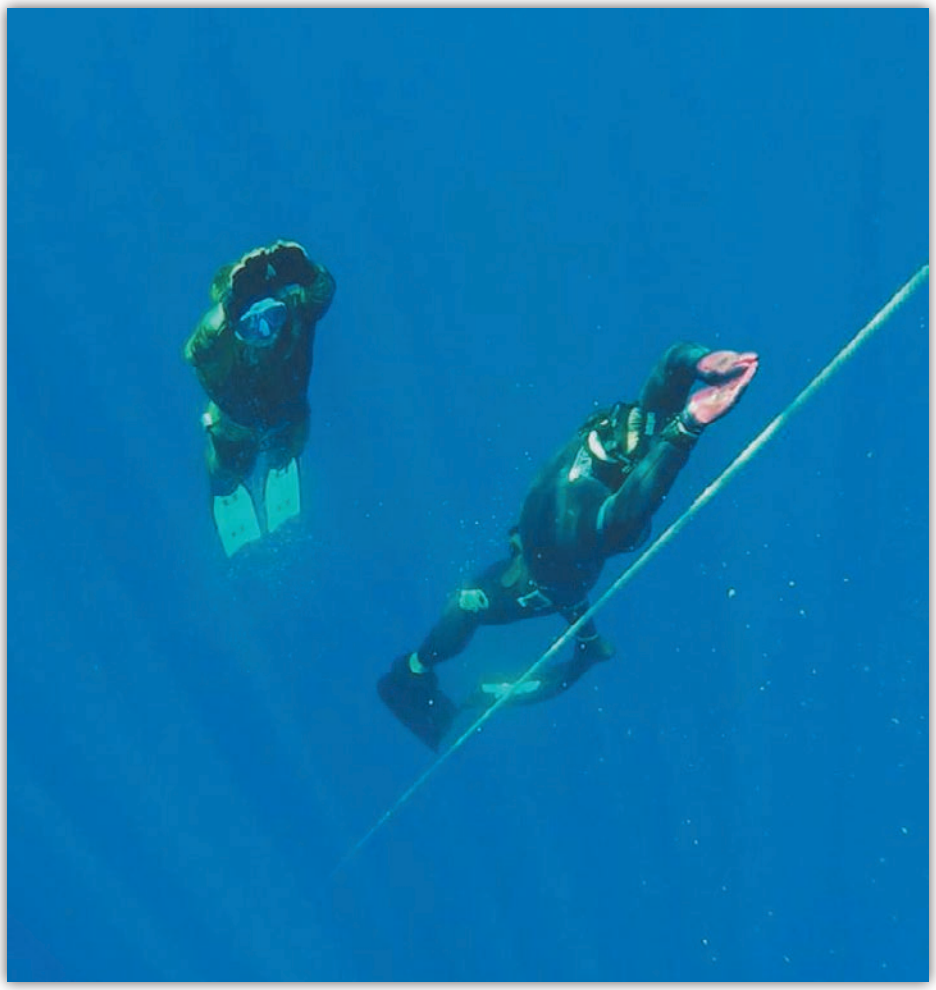
The true Evel Knievel types are the No Limit freedivers who ride sleds down, questing single-mindedly for the fabled 1,000-foot mark—down to 800 feet reported—depending on automated flotation gear to lift them back to the surface, in whatever condition.

Out of regard for their sport's reputation, both Pooler and Pierce cite, at some point, the water safety mantra about never diving alone. When I mention once losing a friend to "shallow water blackout," Pooler shakes his head.

"Lots of casual divers don't even know that word," he says. "You dive. Pressure squeezes your body, but everything's okay until you start back up. Water pressure un-squeezes—the blood runs out of your brain. You black out. If you got no buddy, you drown."

Apparently, the pool disciplines can be done anywhere one can float facedown in water. Though they can serve to teach breath-holding skills—i.e., how to stay off the panic button when your brain is screaming "*Breathe! Breathe now*!"—they are taken quite seriously by practitioners. Static Apnea can be done floating facedown in the water. According to AIDA, the world champion is a Frenchman, who did 11.35 minutes. The women's champ, from Romania, did just over nine minutes.

Every water baby that ever went to a swimming pool has done the Dynamic Apnea thing, seeing how many laps they can swim underwater. A Greek diver has reportedly done more than the length of three football fields.



When I ask if pool discipline specialists use "hyperventilation," Pooler and Pierce are unanimous in condemning it as a "killer" practice. Hyperventilating, or deep huffing quantities of natural air, can short circuit the smothering panic and create an illusory sense of one's limit, leading to blackout.

Pooler suggests Yoga relaxation techniques to optimize the body's oxygen utilization.

Along that line, the Static Apnea category includes a subcategory permitting use of a pure oxygen mix, but not for deep dives, where it can become toxic.

At first glance, extreme sports seem to fly in the face of good sense, with the hazards way bigger than the rewards. Yet diving to the "bottom of the sea" is a theme that runs through humankind's most ancient tales. The 5,000-year-old story of Gilgamesh from ancient Sumer describes how that hero got hold of a big rock and jumped off into the deepest parts of the sea to fetch back a limb off the Tree of Life.

If the exhilaration of pushing beyond the limits is what gives a freediver's life its glory and bliss, the Tree of Life metaphor totally explains it.

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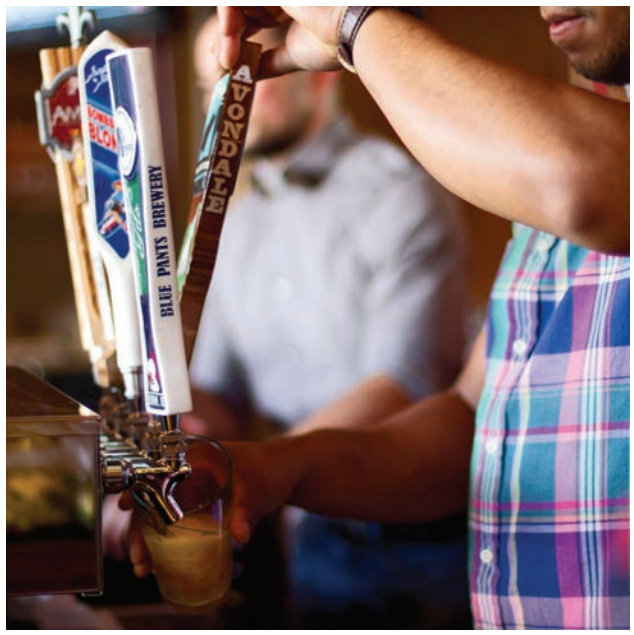


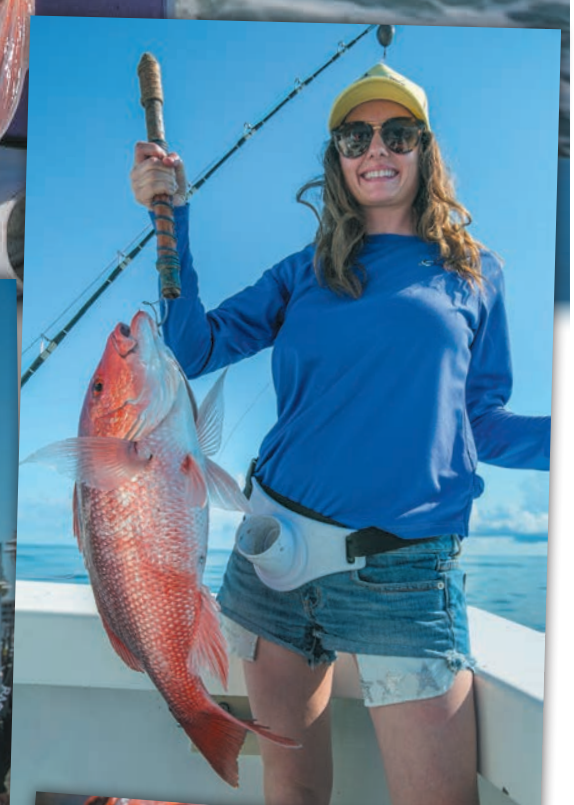
Snapper Season Report, June 2017

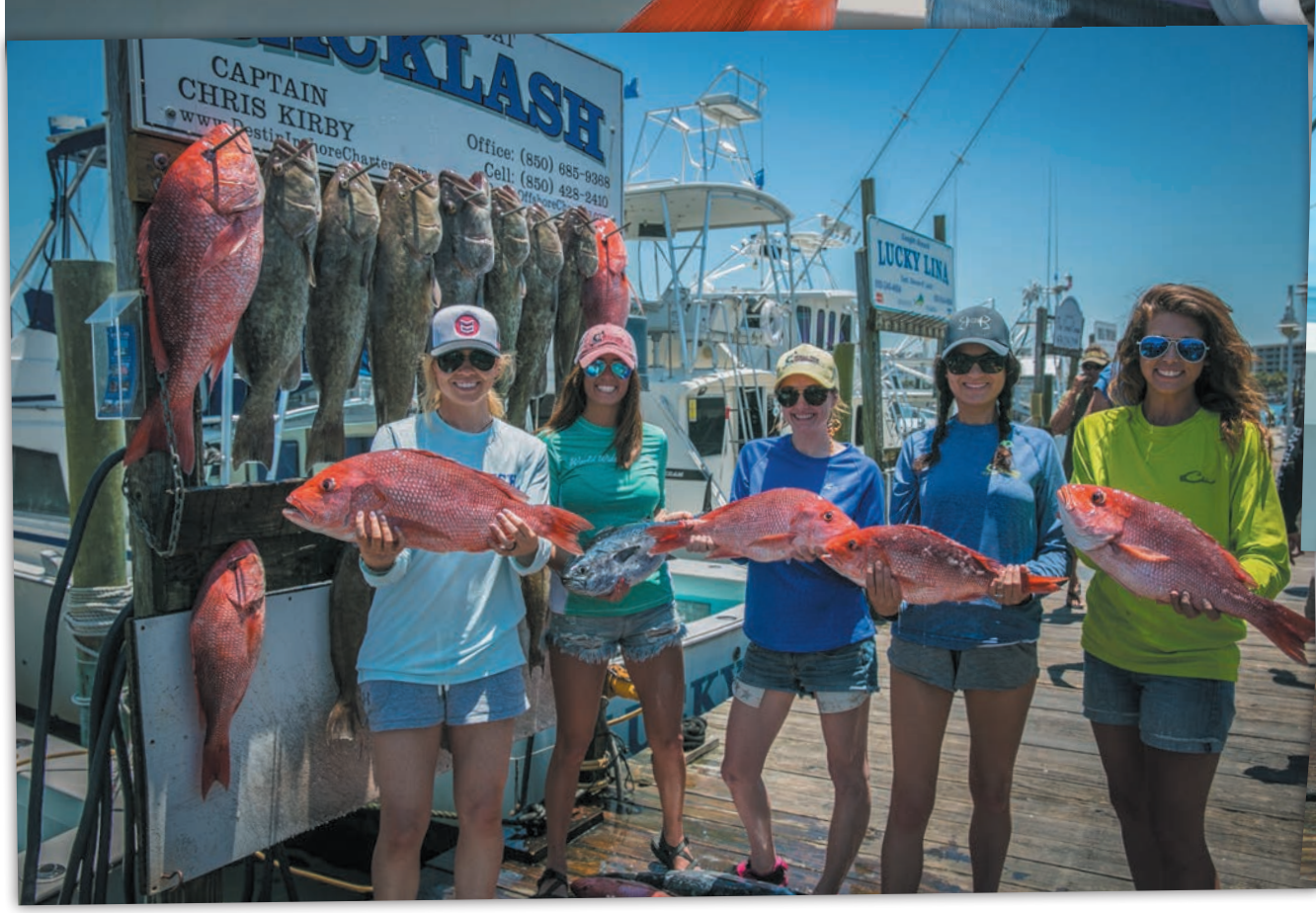
By Jenna Taylor
Photos by Hunter Forbes

Destin and the Gulf of Mexico offer an abundance of red snapper. They are one of the most sought after fish for anglers along the Panhandle, as well as for summer tourists. Red snapper are fun to catch, great to eat and can be targeted throughout the busy summer months. You're allowed two per person at minimum of 16 inches.

To get the inside scoop, we interviewed a few charter boat companies and even fished with one to see how the snapper fishing has been thus far. We went out with Captain Chris Kirby and Shelby Kirby of the Backlash (Destin Offshore Charters), where they run a private charter boat out of the Destin Harbor.

Since June 1, they have been booked up with bottom fishing trips, specifically catching red snapper, grouper, vermillion snappers and more. They offer half-day, full-day and overnight trips. So far, they say the snapper fishing has been on fire (and they even have pictures to prove it). Our trip definitely did not disappoint. We couldn't drop our bait down quick enough. We were out 35 to 40 miles, dropping in about 200 feet of water.





Captain Clint Hood of Gulf Coast Inshore Charters gave us a bit of a different perspective. Hood went out in state waters, only a couple miles out, and had a very successful few hours. Hood and his girls managed to catch a limit of red snapper last weekend.

Live cigar minnows are the bait of choice for red snapper amongst most anglers. These can be caught in front of the pass in the early mornings on sabiki rigs, or purchased from the bait boats.

Once you have your bait, you have to decide where to go fish. **FishingDestinGuide.com** is a great website that lists all the public spots in the area.

General rule of thumb with these public spots is, the closer to the pass, the more overfished they are. Some of the far runs may be more rewarding. After you arrive at your spot, you will want to use a circle hook ranging from a 6/0 to 8/0 on a 30-60-pound fluorocarbon leader with a 6-12 ounce Carolina rigged slip lead. The later the season gets, the smaller in leader size and hook size you will want to go to be able to still get the bites.

See below for state and federal regulations and most importantly, have fun.

FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Private Recreational Anglers – June 1-3.

Federally Permitted For-Hire Vessels – June 1-July 19.

STATE REGULATIONS

The FWC approved a 78-day recreational season in Gulf-state waters at the April commission meeting. Gulf state waters are from shore to nine nautical miles out.

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Real Estate Answers

Why Should I Use a Professional Management Company When Renting a Condo?

*This issue's question has a wide variety of answers, so our panel of experts—***Brad Shoults,** *co-owner of RE/MAX Southern Real Estate; and* **Jerry Sullivan, Monica Mares** *and* **Presley Sullivan** *of Century 21 Blue Marlin Real Estate—zeroed in on what they felt were specific issues they have experienced.*

Shoults has been a licensed Real Estate Broker in Florida and Alabama for over 22 years and is a member of the RE/MAX Hall of Fame. Sullivan has been involved in commercial and residential real estate for over 14 years, including management, construction and ownership of a successful real estate company here on the Emerald Coast.

Beachcomber *readers are encouraged to submit real estate questions to* **chris@beachcomberdestin.com.**

USING LOCAL PROFESSIONALS BRINGS PEACE OF MIND

By Brad Shoults,
RE/MAX Southern Real Estate

A lot of times you'll hear people reference a property management company as a PM. What that really stands for is peace of mind. When you book a vacation home or condo with a property management company, you have peace of mind that you're working with a trusted agency.

First of all, you know it's a registered business. You're not transferring funds to an unknown Internet vendor, which means you avoid the potential for scams.
Plus, you're clear on the details of the vacation rental. With an experienced property management company like Southern Rentals & Real Estate, you get to see detailed photos and even 3D virtual tours of the property, along with a complete description and a list of amenities and nearby attractions before you book.

Once you arrive at your vacation property, local agents are on call 24/7 to assist you. If you need

AVOIDING VACATION SCAMS WITH INTERNET RENTALS

By Jerry Sullivan, Monica Mares and Presley Sullivan, Century 21 Blue Marlin Real Estate

Having been in the vacation rental business since 2009, we have seen our fair share of unfortunate scams. In today's world, most vacations are planned by the vacationer with the help of the Internet to map out every stop, covering water sports to the best spots for Gulf fresh seafood.

Acting as the modern day travel planner, the Internet is home to enticing write-ups paired with gorgeous photos and customer reviews all explaining why this home is ideal for the perfect beach getaway. But all too often, the would-be vacationers aren't greeted with the expected paradise they booked months in advance.

So how do you protect yourself?

1. Keep it local. Century 21 Blue Marlin recommends booking with a reputable, local company that has done its due diligence to curate a portfolio of vacation rentals that guarantee customer satisfaction.

2. Do your research. Don't let the pretty Photoshopped images fool you. Check the company's legitimacy with the local chamber of commerce or Better Business Bureau.

Brad Shoults continued...

a dinner recommendation, they can tell you the best places to go because it's where they eat. If you want to know where the least crowded beaches are, they can point out the lesser-known strips of shoreline.

And, of course, if an issue arises, they are there to fix it. No matter the time of day, your vacation experience is their priority.

Another big benefit is that a property management company is often less expensive. They work directly with rental property owners, so they can provide the best rates without third party fees. Not only that, they typically offer deals for local attractions. For example, the Southern Perks program offers discounts on fishing charters, paddleboarding, parasailing, dining, shopping, golf—you name it, they likely have a discount for it.

With a property management company like Southern, it's about more than taking a vacation—it's about actually being able to relax.

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3. Speak to a representative. Is the listing or the email correspondence filled with broken English? Call and ask questions. The person on the other end of the line should be able to answer anything you ask or put you in contact with their supervisor for an answer.

4. Method of payment is important. Often times scammers request that you pay via money order or wire transfer—these are signs to run (don't walk) in the other direction. Never give out your credit card information over email. Only use your credit card on a legitimate vacation rental website, and carefully read emails requesting payment. And never, ever send money overseas.

5. Trust your gut. If something doesn't sit well with you at any point in booking, pump the brakes. Remember, vacation is supposed to be relaxing before, during and after.

Century 21 Blue Marlin's team can assist with finding the best homes, vacation homes and condos, as well as timeshares and rental properties available in the Destin real estate market and surrounding areas. Give us a call today at 850-837-7800 to book your next stay.

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The Crispy Warriors

This issue, *Beachcomber* profiles a group of veterans who make our area their permanent or part-time home and call themselves the Crispy Warriors. The group began in March 2007, when several local vets gathered weekly for breakfast around the "Big Round Table" at Harbor Docks. It soon became a regular meeting, and the name was awarded to the group by their waitress—a label of affection she gave the military veterans on account of their fondness for extra crispy bacon.

The original group included a variety of veterans with rich military backgrounds, and included an admiral, a two-star general, a two-time Silver Star recipient, a World War II B-17 POW pilot, and even one of the famous "Black Sheep." Currently, the Crispy Warriors is made up of just over 60 men who still meet for fellowship breakfast every Thursday morning at Another Broken Egg Cafe in Destin.

They still have their bacon, tell old war stories and try to solve the world's problems. "We are an eclectic mixture of mostly WWII, Korea and Vietnam vets, with lots of pilots, bit grunts and swabbies, too, and all U.S. military services are represented—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard" says **Rich Adams.**

"We are thankful for the Crispy Warriors old guard, like John Beard, Bill McCowen and Sam Lambardo—who are still with us—and gentlemen like Harry Johnson, Evans Heath, George Warren and Tom Pollard, who have crossed the horizon," says **Westy Westenbarger.** "These men brought together a group of veterans who not only showed allegiance and service to their country, but a dedication to our way of life here on the Emerald Coast—the same dedication and loyalty us current Crispy Warriors strive to continue."

Crispy Warriors (and brothers) Jack and Don Clemons brandish their special edition cans of Coca-Cola, which were presented to the entire group during HarborWalk Village's Red, White & Blue Celebration.

This Memorial Day Weekend, HarborWalk Village dedicated the season's first Red, White & Blue Hero Celebration to the Crispy Warriors. There was a WWII T6 Texan flyover and air show that included a bi-plane piloted by Crispy Warrior Jeff Marken, classic WWII era music by the Village Belles, an official presentation of the colors, a performance of the National Anthem, and a celebration ceremony recognizing these local heroes.

The Crispy Warriors include former mayors, City Council members, local fire commissioners, and presidents of Chambers of Commerce and Charter Boat Associations. They encompass almost all career choices, from successful businessman and published authors to political leaders and high school teachers—all with a common thread of having a story to tell, caring about others and giving back.

Thank you, Crispy Warriors, for your service to your country, your hometowns and your community.

Submissions for this feature are welcome. Send your candidate's name and contact info to **chris@beachcomberdestin.com**.

Catching Up (and Cooking) with Chef McManus

By Bruce Collier

Chef James "Jimmy" McManus works out of a tidy suite of offices in HarborWalk Village's theatrical, hivelike Emerald Grande building. From there he supervises an array of culinary operations, including no fewer than three professional kitchens, two for banquets and events, one for Grande Vista Bar & Grill.

Beachcomber last spoke with McManus in 2015, when he was exploring Gulf-to-table cooking at "10" and pairing whiskeys with menus, among other activities, including fishing whenever possible. Since then there have been some changes, but his latest project, Cooking with the Chef, is actually a nod to his past.

The Brooklyn native has been in and around kitchens for more than 30 years, having learned his craft in the restaurant and hospitality business in New York, Salt Lake City and Pensacola, eventually coming here to Regatta Bay. It was at Regatta where he began offering cooking demonstrations to the public. He also did charity raffles, cooking in private homes for the raffle winners. His Regatta sessions drew a regular following, food lovers who showed up for every class. When McManus decided to revive the classes at Emerald Grande in the HarborView Room, many of his old fans showed up.

Cooking with the Chef events are held at noon on the first Tuesday of the month, except in July, when it will be on **July 11,** due to the Independence Day holiday. McManus presides, and attendance has averaged between 30 and 40 diners. The class starts around 11:30 a.m. with a cheese tray and glass of wine chosen to pair with the cheese and the day's food. As diners drink and snack, Mike Dwyer of Southern Wine and Spirits discusses the wine, its affinity to the food, "and other winey things," says McManus.

Chef McManus then takes over, describing and preparing a main course with sides. As part of his intention to make the class "seasonal and interactive," he takes time for show-and-tell on the ingredients. A recent class featured blackened cobia with corn maque-choux. McManus brought a whole 30-pound cobia in fresh from the docks (it had been gutted, but was otherwise untouched), and proceeded to butcher the fish for cooking, taking care to show diners the fisherman's gaff marks on the fish, along with various cutting methods.

McManus does the presentations by himself, but has cooks in the kitchens prepping and readying the planned meal. He assists with plating and serving. The class costs $25, which covers the demonstration, one glass of wine, and the meal, plus a "surprise" dessert that is often some kind of sorbet or ice cream. Additional glasses of wine are available for $6, or by the bottle for $25.

Each diner receives a recipe card for the day's menu, and a placemat with a photo of the meal and accompanying wine. There's also space for notes. McManus fields questions while he demonstrates, and while attendees do not assist, they are encouraged to come close and look, ask questions, and follow the action on a screen in the dining room. As the guests eat their lunches, McManus circulates among them conversing, answering more questions, taking comments and posing for photos.

Recent classes have featured pistachio-crusted chicken with Speck, steak medallions Diane, shrimp, scallops and crab, and cobia. The plan for next month's menu is coffee-crusted pork ribeye steaks with fig bourbon syrup. August and September are slated for crawfish etouffee and red snapper with sunflower seed crust. Flounder meuniere will be served in October. McManus will take the class outdoors on the terrace in November, when he will prepare Cajun-style deep-fried turkey.

Each class description also explains special ingredients (like Speck), and what skill or procedure will be demonstrated, such as stuffing a whole fish or breaking it down into filets, deboning a whole chicken, or trussing a pork loin.

Response, says McManus, has been favorable, with attendance as high as 50, which is about as large a group as he likes to have. "I get a lot of regulars. They seem to enjoy it and the view can't be beat."

Reservations can be made in advance, and tickets can also be purchased at the door. For reservations and further details, call Shari at 850-424-0622.

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Stopping for Fuel in Niceville

By Joni Williams

Love the water? If you're visiting or live in the area, chances are good you said yes. But if you think the Gulf is the only game in town, you're missing out. Travel just a few miles in any direction from the beach and you'll find bays and bayous so beautiful, you'll feel like you're riding through a real-life postcard.

Nowhere is this truer than where Highways 85 and 20 intersect in Niceville. Down the hill from the street front's not-so-scenic marina warehouse and dry-docked boats is a hidden waterfront paradise, offering a truly spectacular view. And it's fronted by a fabulous restaurant run by an equally fabulous chef, **Dan Pettis' Fuel** at North Light.

But wait, there's more. Said restaurant also has a separate bar about as far away from a redneck dive as you can get (not that we don't love a good dive, mind you). The tasteful decor includes an innovative garage-style door that can be opened to allow mingling of indoor and outdoor seating, and a supersized view of the water. The libations served here are just as innovative and on trend, with offerings of smoke- and herb-infused craft cocktails, or whipped up with egg whites.

Yes, egg whites. We don't know about you, but that's a high priority on our list of drinks we gotta try soon.

But on this visit, we were enticed by what may be Boggy's best beer selection, with a good chunk of them hailing from Northern Florida or nearby. Faves here include Oyster City's Hooter Brown, Props' Flying Coffin and Fairhope Brewing's Therefore I Amber. We were especially thrilled to see Ye Olde Brothers included on the beer list as their brews are at the top of our all-time faves list. The long drive to their Navarre brewpub, not so much.

Speaking of brewpubs, Niceville actually has one owned by two military veteran hopheads, **3rd Planet Brewing,** that we've been wanting to try for months. And now the wait is over. Though we still haven't made it to their pub on Partin Drive to test all 10 or 12 of their brews, Fuel currently taps 3rd Planet's **Bramber,** an interesting hybrid of amber and brown ales that's packing the very best qualities of each.

Dark but not too dark and sweet but not too sweet, this brew manages to tickle with plenty of contrasting flavors—earthy, kind of spicy with an undertone of malty sweetness—all superbly balanced. And smooth. It's this incredible smoothness that makes it so super-easy to drink. We can see ourselves reaching for it, even in the hottest, thirstiest months. We're definitely looking for more from this Boggy brewer.

Other selections include Funky Buddha's Floridian and Hop Gun IPA, Bluepoint's Toasted Lager, Breckenridge's Vanilla Porter as well as what has become a local staple, Grayton's Beach Blonde ale.

But enough about the brews. Let's talk about the eats. They've definitely got 'em. And we don't mean just full-on meals, either, though Chef Dan serves up luscious entrees (just reading one of his menus is enough to bring on a drool fest). He also excels at small plates and munchies, such as Fuel's signature Garlic Parmesan fries, tapas, and jerk wings. If you're looking for a bargain, hit them up from 3 to 7 during happy hour when they're priced at five bucks and a whole pound of peel-and-eat shrimp will only set you back 16.

Draft crafts and premiums are also only five bucks, and bottled beers like Stella go for $3.50. The surrounding water view is free, though it's easily worth a million or so bucks.

Oddly enough, more than a few places have moved in—and, almost as quickly, out—of the location in the past few years, including one of our all-time favorite Boggy hotspots, Tucker Duke's. We're guessing most folks don't realize there's a magnificent waterfront down that hill. But given all it has to offer, maybe it's time they found out.

PCB's Saltwater Grill Welcomes Seasoned Chef

Saltwater Grill in Panama City Beach is pleased to announce the appointment of **Chris Joyner** as Executive Chef. Originally from Ashford, Alabama, Chris is a Navy veteran with submarine experience. Located in Panama City since 1999, Chris attended Gulf Coast State College receiving a degree Culinary Management in 2002.

Chris grew his culinary reputation at Watercolor Inn & Resort on 30A, working at Fish out of Water, where he was promoted to Sous Chef. Then he became Chef de Cuisine at the Baithouse Restaurant, which was featured in *Southern Living* magazine.

Leaving Watercolor, Chris became chef and partner at Onano Neighborhood Café in Rosemary Beach, an upscale, coastal Italian restaurant that specialized in seafood and fresh pastas. His experience also includes opening Coast Food & Wine in Grayton Beach as chef and partner. The restaurant was an upscale, casual seafood restaurant with an emphasis on ingredients popular with the locals.

With such a rich journey through the local culinary scene as a cook, chef and partner in many wonderful 30A restaurants, Chris is a natural fit for Saltwater Grill. He is firmly committed to the area, as is his wife of 12 years Betty, an English professor at Gulf Coast State College.

- Jill Tanner

Restaurant Guide

If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at **chris@beachcomberdestin.com!**

AMERICAN

CALLAHAN'S A long-time favorite of Destin locals, Callahan's Restaurant & Deli lives up to its name, offering one of the town's most varied selections of deli sandwiches, salads, and full-on meals, with everything from quiche to barbecue. Steaks and chops are a perennial favorite, along with comforting meals of pot roast, prime rib, seafood platters, and some fancier regular and special items. Lunch and dinner; beer, wine and mixed drinks, $3-20. 791 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-6328/837-7171. **www.callahansdestin.com. www.facebook.com/callahansdestin.**

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Destin's first true burger bar has it all - Burgers, Bourbon and Beer! Charlie's has a selection of 17 different burgers from lamb, Black Angus, wild boar, bison, even Ostrich. If you don't want one of the already built burgers, make your own. Select the bun you would like, than the protein, pick your cheese and your sides. The soon to be famous deep fried pickles are to die for. Or live a little and go for Charlie's Funky Fries topped with different types of cheeses. Happy hour daily from 3-6 p.m. Open at 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. $3-32, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex, 850-424-7695. **www.CharliesBurgerBar.com.**

HOOTERS Wings, shrimp, burgers and more. Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun.-Thu., 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Fri. and Sat. Happy hour Mon.-Fri., 3-6 p.m. and 9 p.m.-close. 15015 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, 850-654-1007. **hootersonline.com**.

ASIAN

LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. $2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

BAKERIES

CAKEMASTER'S BAKERY II Quality baked goods since 1971, made from scratch on the premises by a fourth generation baker. Decorated cakes for all occasions. New Sweet Expressions cake collection. Breakfast pastries—Danish (cheese, pecan, fruit), assorted coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, crumb cake, strudel, bienstich, pecan crispies. Delicious delights—brownies, ragulah, cream fingers, biscotti, cookies (wedding, sugar, chocolate chip, raisin, fruit bars, holiday) and more. Refrigerated desserts—éclairs, Boston cream pie, cheesecake, black forest cake, Italian rum cake, Napoleons, French creampuffs and more. Come on by and see us. 105 Beach Drive Suite A-3, Fort Walton Beach (behind Pizza Hut on Racetrack Road), 850-862-4911. Closed Mondays.

BARBEQUE

LILLIE'S Q Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

BREAKFAST & MORE

ANOTHER BROKEN EGG CAFÉ is the Emerald Coast's premier breakfast, brunch and lunch destination. Sip on one of our award-winning, house infused Bloody Marys while you dine on breakfast classics, memorable brunch dishes or lunchtime favorites. Grand Boulevard – 755 Grand Boulevard, Suite B-107, Miramar Beach, 850-424-3416. Sandestin – 9100 Baytowne Wharf Boulevard, Suite A-4, 850-622-2050. **www.anotherbrokenegg.com.**

ASIAGO'S SKILLET There's no place like it. Open daily from midnight till noon. Try your hand at our one-of-a-kind Crab Cake Benny, mouth watering Bananas Foster French Toast or our classic American Breakfast. We've got something for everyone. Plus, don't miss out on our Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar, complete with infused vodkas, every weekend. Truly breakfast at its best. 110 Amberjack Drive, Okaloosa Island, 850-586-7998. New location in Destin! 300 Harbor Blvd., 850-424-4160. **www.facebook.com/asiago.skillet**.

BLUE COLLAR CAFE Made to order breakfast and lunch served all day. House made bagels. Full coffee bar with Maas coffee and espresso roasted at the cafe. Home of the famous BOB (breakfast on a bagel) and New York style lox and house-mixed cream cheese. Salads and sides, homemade scones and sweets. Open Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 104 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach.

CAMILLE'S CAFE Start your day with coffee and breakfast. We feature fluffy eggs, cinnamon rolls, apple pie muffins, fresh juice and smoothies. For lunch, enjoy our fresh caught tuna salad on an Asiago cheese bagel, Sriracha turkey sandwich or Mediterranean chicken salad sandwich. Plus all day Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer, and daiquiris made with fresh-squeezed juice. Join our party! 2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, 850-337-8860.

THE DONUT HOLE Breakfast, donuts, sandwiches, salads, burgers and more. 635 U.S. 98 E, Destin, 850-837-8824.

THE DONUT HOLE 6745 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3239.

THE DONUT HOLE 12983 U.S. 98 E, Inlet Beach, 850-213-3127.

THE LOCAL MARKET Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

TOMMY MATTONIE'S Looking for upscale breakfast options? We offer 13 different Eggs Benedicts and numerous specialty waffles. Trip Advisor honored us with a Certificate of Excellence for 2015. Our list of New Orleans style po-boys for lunch is just as extensive as the Eggs Benedict selections. We serve only local fresh bay shrimp and offer some of the best slow smoked BBQ in FWB. We also serve salads, Floribbean tacos, soups and daily specials. Check Facebook for our daily specials. Open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day except Mondays. Located at 723 Eglin Parkway NE in FWB near the Shalimar Bridge. 850-862-0895. **www.tommymattonies.com.**

BURGERS

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Burgers, bourbon and beer. Pick from 18 burgers or build your own. Over 50 beers and bourbons, funky French fries, milk shakes for all ages. Located at 2 Harbor Blvd. in HarborWalk Village's Crab Island Cantina Complex, Destin, 850-424-7695.

CASUAL DINING

FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL – DESTIN Find out why Fudpucker's is #1 for Food and Fun. Fud's has offered great food, live alligators and world famous t-shirts in a fun filled family atmosphere since 1982. Family entertainment is offered nightly with **The Fudnominals** interactive dance team, and Teen Night is held every Thursday and Friday. Download the Fud app for daily deals on food, drinks and merchandise. 20001 Emerald Coast Parkway, across from Henderson Beach State Park. Call 850-654-4200 or visit us at **www.fudpucker.com.**

HOG'S BREATH CAFE A local favorite located in the heart of Destin, Hog's Breath offers a varied menu selection, from seafood tacos to BBQ platters. Sit inside or enjoy the beautiful Emerald Coast weather, all while listening to live local entertainment. Fun for the entire family. Open daily, 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. 541 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-5991. "Hog's Breath is better than no breath at all!" **www.hogsbreath.com/destin.**

CATERING

BIG RED TRUCK Specializing in private events and full service catering. 850-737-1185. **www.destinfoodtrucks.com.**

COFFEE SHOPS

MAAS COFFEE ROASTERS Fresh roasted beans of origin, roasted in different profiles. Specialty coffee roasters for 10 years. "Once you go Maas, you'll never go 'Bucks!" Fresh made pastries and bagels, FREE WiFi. Open Mon.-Sat., 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 150 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, across from the Indian Temple Mound Museum. 850-585-0496.

CONTEMPORARY

BUD & ALLEY'S This Seaside perennial just keeps getting better. Lunch and dinner daily, with a varying menu offering grilled, roasted, and sautéed fish and shellfish, quail, chicken, pork, and plenty of interesting accompaniments. Full bar, $4-34. 2236 CR30A East, Seaside, 850-231-5900.

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, $5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

ECLECTIC

CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. $8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, $4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. **www.theredbar.com.**

VIN'TIJ Wine boutique and bistro. Wonderful food, service and a.m.sphere. Great approach to wine service offering Flight or tasters of unique varietals. Open daily for lunch or dinner plus a well stocked retail wine shop. $5-19, 10859 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-9820.

FOOD TRUCKS

BIG RED TRUCK Gulf to table certified seafood, fresh fish tacos, high end comfort food on the move. We specialize in private events and full service catering. Daily specials and locations on Facebook. 850-737-1185. **www.destinfoodtrucks.com.**

GERMAN/AMERICAN

FOKKERS PUB German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 a..-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, **georgesatalysbeach.net.**

Local Couple Brings Casual BBQ Concept to Back Beach Road

Danny and Monica Cosenzi, owners of Restaurant Paradis in Rosemary Beach, have announced today their newest venture, Back Beach Barbecue. Located in the space formerly occupied by Coram's on Back Beach Road (Panama City Beach Parkway), Back Beach Barbecue promises unwavering dedication to crafting barbecue the old fashioned way using stick burning smokers.

With chef-partner Mark Eichin and pitmaster Chris Mack at the helm, Back Beach Barbecue will be slow smoking their meats all day on two Lang reverse flow smokers located directly in front of the restaurant on PCB Parkway. The meats are rubbed with a simple blend of dry spices, then smoked low and slow in the pit over locally sourced oak wood.

Meats include brisket, pork, chicken, sausage, turkey and ribs. For those looking to add sauce to their meats, Back Beach Barbecue offers four house made sauces—House, Spicy Three Pepper, Carolina Mustard and an Alabama White Sauce made with Grayton Beer Company's Beach Permit Blonde Ale.

Continuing its unpretentious, old-fashioned tribute to the classics, Back Beach Barbecue's menu is simple yet refined, with six sides—potato salad, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, brisket Brunswick stew and collards. To top it all off, there will be a homemade dessert menu, wine and beer options, and classic sodas such as Topo Chico and Grapico.

The team behind Back Beach Barbecue is dedicated to providing friends new and old with great barbecue, served with a side of Southern hospitality. Diners will order from a chalkboard menu at the counter, and watch the slicer hand cut their selected meats to order. Guests will receive their choices atop butcher paper that is placed on an old-school-style cafeteria tray.

"Given our passion for the history and legendary style of traditional smoked barbecue, the opening of Back Beach Barbecue fulfills a six year dream of ours," the Cosenzis say. "Also, the restaurant gives us the opportunity to create memories, not only for our family, but for all of our friends and families throughout the community."

Located at 19714 Panama City Beach Parkway, this unassuming restaurant promises authentic comfort food in a laid-back and down-home atmosphere. The existing building is undergoing a complete overhaul. Back Beach Barbecue will be equipped with two garage doors, offering open air dining and leading outside to various gathering points—the pits, an outdoor covered patio, and an open patio—perfect spots for "chewing the fat" with locals and friends.

Additionally, the restaurant will offer catering for private or corporate events, a fully equipped food truck, and delivery service to offer all the sights and smells that Back Beach Barbecue has to offer.

Business partners **Kevin and Susan Engle** say, "Danny and Monica have endeared themselves to the community since relocating their family here to operate Restaurant Paradis several years ago. We are excited to see them express their versatility and vision with this new, casual concept that is soon to become a local, iconic favorite."

Back Beach Barbecue will be open seven days a week for lunch and dinner beginning in June. Those looking to take a piece of the restaurant home with them are in luck. Branded merchandise and homemade sauces are available for purchase within the restaurant.

For more information, visit **backbeachbarbecue.com.**

- Jessica Proffitt Bracken

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IRISH

JOHNNY MCTIGHE'S Ireland on Scenic 30-A, a unique outpost of food and drink in Santa Rosa Beach. McTighe's opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 2 a.m. the next day. In between, the all-day menu offers an Irish grand slam of a breakfast, fish and chips, wings, pizza, and an array of hearty sandwiches, including Irish reuben, Philly cheese steak, burgers, chicken and hot dogs. There's even Maine lobster bisque. Full bar, $4 - 21. 2298 Scenic Highway 30-A West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-0101. **www.johnnymctighesirishpub.com.**

ITALIAN

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy--beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 p.m. 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

LATIN / MEXICAN

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, $4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. **www.CrabIslandCantina.com.**

LA COCINA MEXICAN GRILL & BAR Since 2009, La Cocina has served traditional Tex-Mex fare with a coastal twist in a fun, festive atmosphere. We prepare all of our dishes from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. La Cocina is nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach in Seacrest Beach. Menu highlights include Tacos de Camerones with grilled shrimp, shredded lettuce, habanero pickled onions and feta cheese; the Pollo Fundido with shredded chicken and sour cream (chimichanga style) topped with cheese; and the Lobster Quesadilla with lobster, crab, shrimp and cheese topped with chipotle aioli and fruit salsa. Saturdays and Sundays, enjoy $7 specialty cocktails during football season. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 10343 East CR-30A, Panama City Beach, 850-231-4021, **lacocina30a.net.**

LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. $15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. **www.lapazdestin.com.**

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian

dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. $4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. **www.mypepitos.com**.

PIZZA & PASTA

CRUST PIZZERIA We strive to make the very best pizza. We make our own dough and sauce and grate the finest whole milk mozzarella. We make our own meatballs, slice the Italian sweet sausages, chop the fresh vegetables, then assemble your pizza just for you and bake it to perfection in a brick oven. Eat-in, takeout and delivery. Wine and craft beers. Open Mon.-Sat., 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 4-10 p.m. 104 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-2990. **destincrustpizzeria.com**.

CRUST PIZZERIA Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 433 Page Bacon Rd., Mary Esther, 850-737-2121.

CRUST PIZZERIA Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 1826 Lewis Turner Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, 850-737-2299.

LANDSHARK'S PIZZA Daily happy hour, 3-6 p.m. and full liquor bar plus award-winning pizza and wings. 360 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-6743. **www.LandsharksPizza.com.**

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. $4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

REDBRICK PIZZA Fresh fire-roasted pizzas, fhazani sandwiches and gourmet Italian gelato Ice cream. We use only Qualita superior Italian cheeses and premium ingredients. Savor the passion of a century-old Italian tradition. Locations are Destin Commons next to Rave Motion Pictures, 850-424-5990; and Pier Park, Panama City Beach, 850-236-1413. Hours are Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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4009 S. Sandestin Blvd., Miramar Beach
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CRAB ISLAND CANTINA
HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-424-7417
When: Everyday from 3 to 6 p.m.
Drink Specials: $4 house margaritas, $3 well drinks and house wine, $3 Corona, Corona Light, Bud Light and Miller Lite.

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When: 6-8 p.m. daily.
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850-244-6666
When: 3-7 p.m. daily; 3 p.m.-close Tuesdays.
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20001 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin
850-654-4200
When: All day long.
Drink Specials: Smirnoff martinis $4.99 all day every day. World Famous Fudpucker Punch $5.99, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily deals with download of the Fud app.

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When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Sushi bar and bar area only. Bonzai Wednesdays, 6 p.m.-close with half price sake, house wine, apps and sushi rolls.
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4607 Legendary Marina Drive, Destin
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When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.
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When: Mon.-Fri., 3-7 p.m., $1 off beer, wine and wells. Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., two-for-one wells and beer.

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1224 Santa Rosa Blvd., Fort Walton Beach
When: Early happy hour, 1-6 p.m. Late night happy hour, 2-4 a.m. Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.
Drink Specials: Early happy hour—two for $5 well drinks, $10 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge. Late night happy hour—two for $6 well drinks, $12 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge after 3 a.m.

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Grateful

By Sean Dietrich

A few years ago, I played music in a rundown bar on my late father's birthday. It was a slow night, which felt a lot like singing to a roomful of house cats.

The crowd fizzled. The bartender was reading *Cosmo* magazine.

On break, an older man offered to buy me a drink. He was droopy-eyed and long-faced. He told me his son had just ended his own life, days earlier.

He drained his bottle, then made small talk with a thick tongue. I don't know how our conversation drifted. But conversations involving beer often do.

He said he didn't believe in God. After his son's death, he came to believe God was nothing but a cruel joke.

He fell from his barstool. I helped him off the ground.

He started crying. "Jeezus," he said. "You look like my son."

All I could think to do was hug him.

A cab arrived to carry him home. He tipped the band 50 bucks before he left.

On my drive home that evening, I rode the beach route. I pulled over and walked the shoreline. The moon and stars were putting on quite a show. I looked for major constellations, but I'm no good with astronomy.

So I thought about the man at the bar.

I reasoned that, if the Almighty were indeed real, He might have sent that poor man to that particular joint. And if that were true, maybe I was supposed to say something to him.

Something like: "Buck up, Daddy Warbucks, the sun'll come out tomorrow."

Gag.

God knows, that's the sort of thing everyone said to me after Daddy ended his own life.

Anyway, that night I listened to the Gulf water. The sound was hypnotizing. It made me imagine things.

I imagined the Almighty, sitting with me. I pretended like he was a few feet away, sitting in one of those fancy cabana chairs. He wore a soft smile.

"Hey God," sayeth I to the Almighty. "Nice stars."

"Thanks. I try."

The truth was, I should've told that man at the bar that it's okay to yell at the sky. I could've also told him the hurt might never go away. But one day, it quits bleeding.

By then, you've lived with it so long, the pain isn't even unpleasant, and it helps you remember how lucky you are.

Lucky to be alive—even if only for a few years. Lucky to have a night sky, stars, Gulf water, the taste of fried chicken. Rundown bars. Strangers who call you cabs.

"I never got a chance to thank you," I told the Almighty.

"For what?" He said.

"For everything. For family, ice cream, house cats, people who love me. For believing in me, even when I have a hard time believing in myself. For tonight."

"You don't have to thank me," said the Maker of the Universe.

Maybe I don't.

But tonight I want to.

Thank you.

Leonard Pitts Jr. CONTINUED...

a group of eighth-graders. Students from South Orange Middle School in New Jersey were on a field trip to Washington, D.C., when they were offered a chance to take a picture with Ryan, often posited as the most thoughtful of thoughtful conservatives.

Dozens of them declined. The reason, as student Matthew Malespina explained it to the *Washington Post:* Ryan is a man "who puts his party before his country."

Some observers have huffed that, had this happened to Barack Obama, it would have been called "racist." Which is laughable, given that Obama spent eight years being snubbed in ways great and small, usually for reasons far less substantive than the one Malespina gave.

One thinks, unavoidably, of the Hans Christian Andersen fable, "The Emperor's New Clothes." Like the child in that story, these children are calling out what many adults should see, but don't.

Namely that, where there is no moral foundation, the amassing of power can have no calling higher than the feeding of ego and the gratification of self. And that when you are willing to see America embrace its enemies and cold-shoulder its friends, willing to look the other way as justice is obstructed, willing to shut down programs funding the arts, rural aid, education, housing and food for the poor and infirm, willing to let rivers be contaminated, air befouled and sea levels rise, willing to take health care from 23 million people in order to line the pockets of millionaires and billionaires, to victimize the vulnerable in order to reward with more those who already have the most…you forfeit all claim of a moral foundation.

So let us hear no more about thoughtful conservatives saving us from the excesses of their peers. They've had their chances to take the principled stance and flinched, every time.

Now Paul Ryan's moral flexibility has become so odious that even middle-schoolers would rather stand upwind. When you are be ing rebuked by children, it should give you pause.

At the very least, it's something for thoughtful conservatives to think long and hard about.

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